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Storm over advice to teenage mothers 'Give babies for adoption' call by Straw

JACK STRAW was at the centre of a storm last night after saying that more teenage mothers should give up their habies for adoption.

The Home Secretary blamed well-meaning but misguided social workers for over-estimating the ability of many young women to cope. with the financial and emotional burdens of motherhood.

As a result, too many infants ended up being taken into council care and kept in "a. state of limbo" until a suitable home could be found for them with foster carers or adopters.

Mr Straw told a conference organised by the Family Policy Studies Centre: "It is in no one's interests, not the mother's, not the child's, nor the prospective parents, to allow a situation to develop whereby a crisis point is reached in the

ing but misguided people." While not actually proposing a return to the practice of coercing unmarried young women into having their baby adopted. Mr Straw said that such a decision often resulted in a better life for the child. "If you get to a situation where young mothers feel happy about adoption that's so much the better. It is better if these. adoptions are done voluntarily. than if the children are later

taken into care," he said. Mr Straw said that he had been surprised to discover that

Hussein chooses his eldest son

King Hussein of Jordan con-firmed by royal decree that his eldest son, Prince Abdul-lah, 36, is his heir, not the

King's son, Prince Hamzah.

or the King's brother, Prince

Hassan, who had been Crown

Prince for 34 years Page 13

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there were as many as 3,500 children aged under two in council care, while many childless couples wanting to adopt. were kept waiting for years. The Government had issued teenager mother, in cope has thon, he shal, but added. It is been misjudged by well-mean; still a sad facilitat many suitaing but mismally suitains. ble couples have been on waitdren have remained in care." It had become a matter of

fashion to move away from adoption, he said. In 1968, there were nearly 25,000 adoptions compared with fewer than 6,000 a year now. Mr Straw's comments were,

however, immediately at-tacked by adoption workers. Pam Hodgkins, manager of the West Midlands Post Adop-tion Services, said that removing a baby from its mother could be extremely damaging

for both parent and child. Adoption was nearly always the second best option for a child, while women who gave up their children in the 60s experienced health problems and mental illness.

Felicity Collier, director of the British Agencies for Adop-tion and Fostering, said that more than 70 per cent of children in care returned to their natural families within a year. "We need to encourage sup-port for all mothers, whatever

Chris Davies, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, rejected the Home Secretary's criticism of social workers, but conceded that more could be done to speed up the adoption process. The reason there are very few babies now offered for adoption is not because social worknew guidance to remove un-ers discourage it, but because this situation never see a social worker at all;" he said.

Veronica Agius, who was ing lists far too long, while chil- - forced to give her illegitimate daughter away for adoption 33 years ago, said: "I think about. it every day. I have never had any other children, and my daughter says she is not ready to make contact with me. It is my deepest regret."

But Sheila Walker, 59, who gave up her baby son for adoption in 1959, said that it had been the best decision for both of them. "I am glad I made that sacrifice for him."



Trying to help, page 7 | Carla Germaine and Greg Cordell after their blind date wedding yesterday

Blind date couple meet on their wedding day

IT WAS billed as a "scientific experiment in love" and yesterday, after an intimate ceremony attended only by close family, friends and a national television company, the guinea pigs in Britain's first "blind" wedding were declared man and wife

Carla Germaine, 23, a model. and Greg Cordell, 28, a sales manager, met for the first time and were married at Ipm yesterday after winning a competition called Two Strangers and a Wedding", organised by a Birmingham com-

mercial radio station. Lest they forget who brought them together, the moment of union was sealed by rings engraved with the station's logo: "96.4FM BRMB".

For the marketing men it was a marriage made in heav-en — half the world's press were present as the nervous couple paraded before the cameras for their first taste of a new life destined to be played out under the uncompromising gaze of the British media.

After spending their first night together in the E750

Chamberlain Suite at Birmingham's Hyatt hotel, they will jet off for a honeymoon in the Bahamas — with a tabloid newspaper reporter and a fly-onthe-wall documentary team in tow. On their return they will receive a new Ford sports car for a year, and the run of a £1,500-a-month apartment in Birmingham's recently renovated canal land. But at midnight on January 25, 2000, they must return the keys and find a new home.

The newlyweds, who have signed a pre-nuptial agreement in case things do not work out, were yesterday

quick to scotch suggestions that the wedding was more an exercise in media manipulation than love. "Everyone's expecting us to split up," Mr Cordell said, "but we're going

to prove them wrong."
His new wifeagreed: "Everyone has their own opinion but we're looking forward to getting to know each other. f know what I like and I'm very pleased and happy, I told them from day one what I was looking for and this is very good." When asked if they were going to consummate the union last night, she said: You'll never know."

The public will have little difficulty keeping up with the Cordell's progress. As well as a documentary oo Channel 4 and regular radio updates on BRMB, they have already been invited on the David Letterman Show in New York.

While church leaders and marriage guidance organisations protested that the serious business of marriage was being turned into a media circus. BRMP the trailers for the "Wedding of the Decade" and promised to broadcast the ceremony live. However, the registrar drew the line at sharing it with 700,000 listeners.

Mike Owen, BRMB's head of publicity, defended the wedding as a "a serious matrimonial exercise". He said: "We shall be giving Greg and Carla all the support they need. We want the marriage to last as long as possible. They were selected very carefully as the couple most likely to be com-patible from the 200 entries we received."

Mr Owen said the station would probably pay for any future divorce proceedings.

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I'm sorry about the little Bid to end Clinton girls — kidnap case man

BY ADRIAN LEE

A MAN accused of kidnapping and seriously assaulting two schoolgirls said yesterday that he was sorry for what had happened to them and wished that he could turn back the

A British athlete has failed a dibe test. A UK Athletics spokeswoman said that for le-Alan Hopkinson, 45, of Languey, Eastbourne, made the statement through his solicgal reasons she could not give the name, the gender or the itor after appearing at Hast-ings Magistrates' Court in substance involved ... Page 52 East Sussex. He was charged with ten of-fences: two each of child abduc-

tion, kidnapping and false im-prisonment and four relating to serious assaults. The court was told that the girls, both aged ten, could not be named.
The former Rhodesian Army soldier and Bank of England worker said nothing during his five-minute appearance. He stared intently at the ance. He stared intently at the floor and nodded only to confrom his name and that he understood the terms of his re-

mand. No application was

made for bail and he was remanded in custody for a week. He was also granted legal aid. After the hearing, Mr Hop-kinson's solicitor, Graeme White, made a statement from the steps of the court, saying:
"He has asked me to say he is sorry for what happened to the little girls. I basten to say that



ing made. He does hope that they can put matters behind them, given the passage of time, and he has asked me to say that he does wish that he could put the clock back. He wishes to express his re-

morse." Mr White said that his client, who was arrested on Fri-day, was "depressed and up-set" and had been prescribed sleeping tablets. "Obviously it had been a great shock to him to be brought to the police station and held for several

days."
Mr Hopkinson, who wore grey trousers and a light grey jacket over a blue pullover, was brought to court from the neighbouring police station through an underground tun-nel. Two police officers and two security guards were also in the packed courtroom. An order was made that no pic-ture of Mr Hopkinson should

trial quashed FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

LEADING Republicans yesterday quashed a new attempt to complete President Clinton's trial this week, in a day of plots and accusations that left the impeachment process in chaos.

Trent Lott, the Senate Republican Majority Leader, poured cold water on a bipart-isan plan for a 'yes or no' vote by Friday on the two articles of impeachment that would have avoided calling witnesses. Although he appeared to have been swayed by House conservatives, however, many of his colleagues admitted that they dearly wanted an early end to the saga, which is exasp-

erating Americans. The plan, put forward by Tom Daschle, the leader of the Senate Democrats, would have left open the option of a vote to censure the President. Its failure has left both parties searching for a solution, terrified that the process will become uncontrollable if witnesses are called to the Senate If Monica Lewinsky is

called, the nation will be treat-ed to the unpalatable sight of elderly men questioning a troubled young woman about the already well-chronicled details of her sex life. They also fear that if she is called, they will have to summon everyone mentioned in her testimony.

While floundering in the quagmire of the witness question, Congress had the benefit of a new round of observations by Dick Morris, Mr Clinton's former adviser, who himself resigned over a sex scandal. Mr Clinton was "delusional", he said, in feeling victimised when the Lewinsky scandal first ermited, but certainly believed his own line that he had not had sex with the young

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Golfer's amazing 59 sinks the competition

FROM MELWEBB

IT WAS, in its way, like six sixes in an over to win a cricket match, a maximum 147 in the final frame to claim a victory on the snooker table, or breaking a world record to win a gold medal in the 1,500 me-

tres in the Olympic Games. What David Duval, the American golfer, achieved was nothing less than a slice. of sporting immortality.

or sporting immortanty.

A score of 59 in golf is a mystical figure, a barrier that goes beyond the psychological Like its counterparts in other sports, it requires high skill. Unlike them, it calls for that skill in he creatised—and concenfor that skill to be exercised - and concentration maintained - for upwards of five

hours. A 59 needs par figures to be beaten for up to 13 times in 18 holes; club golfers everywhere will know that for the merely mortal, one birdie a round is cause for cel-

The feat has never been achieved in European professional golf and until Sunday had occurred only twice in America on neither occasion on the final day of the tournament. Daval did not only score 59 to win: he

needed to score 59 to win. The undernonstrative Duval. 27, started the final day of the Bob Hope Classic, at La Quinta Golf Club, in California, six shots behind the leader and seemingly out of the picture.

A quiet but grimly determined performer, he had calculated overnight that he might need 59 to claim his second win of the season. Confident performer though he is, he cannot truly have expected to do

In the end, Duval, who has been one of the most in-form golfers in the world for the last 14 months, during which time he has won six times, took the title by one shot. With this victory he boosted his earnings by \$540,000 (£328,000) and took his carnings this year to \$1,008,000. Pity the man who finished second. He only had a

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Familiar old words mark passing of the age of consent

so that they can say buggery" whenever they like, and before the Nine o'Clock Watershed. This sketch lost count yesterday of how often the Home Secretary said it: but as Jack Straw said "buggery" for the fifth time, I sensed an

astonishing lack of interest. Every now and then, an issue dies in the Commons. No death is announced, no obituary placed in The Times: indeed there is no corpse to tie. One day you go into the Chamber and an issue is alive and kicking. Two opposing sides, confident of their cause, dash. Sparks lly.

Some months later you return to the same debate . . . and life has ebbed away. The arguments may be unchanged, but one side, now, is only going through the motions. They've given up. Nobody is so vulgar as to crow, but the winners and losers know who they are. As a Parliamentary controThe dogs may bark but the circus has moved on. The concessions contained in the Sexual Offences Bill launched by the Home Secretary yesterday measures to protect the vulnerable from those in charge of them - have swung it for reform. Once swung, the dead weight of "commonsense"

mighty hard to swing back. How do we know that Age of Consent has died? MPs sense such things through

opinion among politicians is



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

their pores. Ask not what they are saying - everyone always says the same thing - but how they are saying it, and who is talking. To know the wind, focus not on Members who can change the wind, but those who are changed by the wind. Joe Ashton (Lah, Bassetlaw) is as persuasive a windsock as you will find at West-

If a tabloid newspaper could speak, it would talk like Joe Ashton. To get his measure, ponder the phrase "rightminded folk". It is one of Mr Ashton's favourites. In the 1980s, rightminded folk were not campaigning to reduce the age of consent from 21. Nor was Mr Ashton. In 1994, rightminded folk could more or less stomach a reduction to 18. So could Mr Ashton. Last year, rightminded folk remained worried about the corruption of the young and op-posed 16. So did Mr Ashton.

Now, rightminded folk grit their teeth and accept "equality" so long as there is statutoprotection for those at school or in institutions. Mr Ashton has urged just such a measure. It is in the Bill. And is heartfelt. Shaun Woodward

Ashton now supports the Bill. He told MPs so yesterday. "I'd like to thank the Daily Mail and the Express," he repeated, proceeding to read out an armful of newspaper clippings about paedophiles and their vile rings, "tuning in" to the Internet. Shocking. But the shock was routine.

Only one speech caught fire. It is not often a quiet backbencher can hold the whole House for twenty minutes with a speech as reasoned as it

(C) has sometimes seemed a bland successor to Douglas Hurd as MP for Witney. Yesterday, supporting the Bill against the predominant opinion of his own side he emerged as a noble one.

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Otherwise there was little to raise a cheer, an eyebrow or even a smile. Gerald Howarth (C. Aldershot), trying for the cheer, achieved the smile. "You simply cannot have it both ways!" he cried, opposing the Bill. Can't you? Some of his colleagues have proved otherwise.

MP compares gay laws to slave shame

By James Landale, Political Correspondent

A TORY MP last night compared equalising the age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual sex to giving

Supporting the latest move to reduce the age of consent for homosexual sex to 16. Shaun Woodward (Witney) told the Commons: "I believe that historians will look back on this period of discrimination against young people with the same opprobrium that we now look back on those who sought to justify the slave trade."

Mr Woodward, a director of the charity Childline, said the issue was about "whether a relationship between on human being and another should be a criminal act. This is not about urging young people to be promiscuous. It is not about anal intercourse. It is a debate about whether society should consider these people to be criminals at 16 just because of their sexuality.

He added: "As a Conservative. I believe in freedom and the rule of law. Why should the law intervene in the private affairs of citizens when it

does no harm to others?" The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill will equal-ise the age of consent at 16 in England, Scotland and Wales,

will also make it illegal for anyone over 18 to have sex with a 16 or 17-year-old over whom they are in a position of trust.

The protection was proposed by the Covernment after fears were expressed when the issue was last debated. The measures would protect those in full-time education, residenoal care, foster homes and secure accommodation, and hospitals. Those found guilty of the new offence could face two years in jail. Codes of conduct would protect the young in areas of the voluntary sector not covered by the Bill.

The measure is expected to pass easily through the Commons but to face fierce opposition in the Lords. The last attempt to cut the age of legal homosexual sex, through an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill last June, was backed by the Commons by a 207 majority. The Lords defeat-ed it by a majority of 168 after concerns were voiced about putting vulnerable young people at greater risk.

Opening the Second Reading debate, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said the age of consent must be equalised because the discrimination was in breach of the European Convention on Human

of encouraging one lifestyle as against another or of encouraging young people to have sex," he said. "It is a question of equality before the law,"

Mr Straw said the new "abuse of trust" offence was designed to protect the most vulnerable young people from adults where the relationship of trust was most strong. Some MPs, including Don-

ald Anderson (Lab. Swanses East), protested that the protective measures in the Bill did not go far enough and should include those looking after Scouts and Guides and holiday camps. "Why are you so find and limited on this?" Mr Anderson asked Mr Straw.

Stuart Bell (Lab. Middlesbrough) asked Mr Straw 10 confirm that the Government did not plan to cut the age of consent to 14 or legalise homosexual marriages. Mr Straw replied: "We have no plans to bring forward legislation in respect to any of these issues." Sir Norman Fowler, Shadow

Home Secretary, said people did not take a prejudiced view of the issue but had concerns about whether the young might be at risk: "The majority would prefer this change not to be made. We should listen to the public and not move further to



Mairead Kelly, speaking for the relatives of dead IRA members, after meeting Adam Ingram at Stormont yesterday

Beatings may prompt sanctions

By Martin Fletcher CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government hinted at sanctions vesterday unless Northern Ireland's wave of punishment attacks were ended.

At meetings with the political representatives of the three main paramilitary groups, Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, demanded the "atrocious, barbarle" attacks be halted. "There were suggestions about what she could do in the future if she so chose," David Ervine, of the Progressive Unionist Party, ac-

knowledged afterwards. The Government is facing intense pressure to suspend terrorist prisoner releases . ness said his party deplored "punishmentuntil the attacks stop. The Tories have

morrow and two senior Labour backbenchers, Harry Barnes and Frank Field, yesterday tabled a Commons motion say-ing the releases should be slowed "as a po-

litical sanction against an . . . organised regime of increasingly brutal intimidation". Dr Mowlam said she would review the situation in a week or two if the attacks continued, but Tony Blair has admitted that halting prisoner releases could bring down the Good Friday peace accord.

Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness refused to meet Dr Mowlam, claiming she had changed the original purpose of the meeting, and sent more junior members of Sinn Fein instead. Mr McGuinattacks", but blamed the lack of a police Mr Ervine, whose party represents the Ulster Volunteer Force, called the attacks "immoral and reprehensible" and urged people to report problems to the police.

The human rights group Families Against Intimidation and Terror accused republican and loyalist paramilitaries of 37 beatings and shootings this month alone. Government officials suspect Sinn Fein and the loyalist parties can tone down

paramilitary violence when it suits them. Relatives of IRA victims angrily con-fronted the families of eight IRA men-killed on a bombing mission yesterday. The republican families were leaving Stormont after a meeting with Ailam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister, when the victims' relatives cried "shame"

NEWS IN BRIEF 20-year-old death case: OAP held

of an unknown woman who was bludgeoned to death nearly 20 years ago, after DNA test-ing led to the reopening of the

Detectives from Kent trave elled to the north of England yesterday in a renewed effort to establish the identity of the young woman, thought to be a hitchhiker or prostinte, whose body was found in Bedgebury Forest, near Goudburst, in October 1979.

The case was re-opened in October last year after forensic tests were carried out on evidence stored since the 1979 inquiry. Two weeks ago a Kent lorry driver in his early seventies was arrested in connection with the murder and released on police bail.

Helicopter base

A new joint service helicopter command will be based at Wilton in Wiltshire, the Ministry of Defence announced yesterday. The headquarters of the combined RAF. Army and Navy unit will control more than 350 helicopters at 10 air bases. It will have around 12,000 personnel and oversee a budget of £300 million.

Fee protest ends

Five Oxford students who were barred from university premises for refusing to pay their tuition fees said yesterday that they had decided to end their protest. Academics voted last week to suspend the ates and one from St Hilda's unless they ended their protest immediately.

Uniform reverse

A university has dropped plans to charge student nurs-es £100 each for the uniforms they must wear while training, after complaints from Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary. Kingstoo-upon-Thames University intended that 100 trainees should buy them out of their £5,300 annual al bursary for living costs.

Collymore case

Stan Collymore, the Aston Villa footballer, admitted speeding at 82mph in a 40mph zone. He did not attend Birmingham Magistrates' Court because he was in club talks about his future. The bench is considering a driving ban and adjourned the hearing until February 8 for Collymore to attend. Under stress, page 49

Delayed justice

William Geary, 100 next month, was fired from the lrish police after allegedly ac-cepting a £100 bribe from the IRA over 70 years ago. After persistently lobbying succes sive governments for a review of his case, it has now been referred to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform by the Prime Minister.

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Pensions left £1bn short by computer troubles

nearly El billion which It has failed to pay into private and occupational pension schemes because of the bungled launch of a new computer system.

The problems with Europe's largest civilian computer system, which cost £140 million, are also forcing benefits to be calculated by guesswork for more than a million claimants, including pensioners, widows, unemployed and sick people. The 160,000 new pensioners

so far affected are losing an average E1.30 a week, although some are losing as much as £100 a week. Fewer than 15 per cent of Britons who invest in private or occupational pen-sions have had contributions paid promptly by the Depart-ment of Social Security.

When the computer crisis is resolved and the payments are finally made, savers will be offered compensation by the Government at an interest rate of 6 per cent a year. Pension companies argue that cus-tomers with schemes that in-

among the first to benefit

from the demise of News At

Ten. ITV confirmed yesterday

that the last of its full lopm

bulletins would go out on Friday, March 5. The first unin-

terrupted film to be screened

across its slot will be the 007

Executives also promised

that comedy, factual pro-

grammes, drama and a new

current affairs programme

would fill the vacant airtime

to try to increase ITV's audi-

such as Kavanagh QC will get

late peaktime slots, and at

t0.30pm there will be new

coming 1970s teen show Days

Trevor McDonald

adventure GoldenEve.

ence share.

Feature length.

vest in the stock market could have achieved a much better rate of interest and will have no chance to make up the difference.

Quentio Davies, Conservaove social security spokesman, said: "Just paying the rebate with interest is not satisfactory. People must be put back in the position they would be in if the Government had not made these mistakes." The Contributions Agency

has said that it will only pay compensation to people owed £100 or more. "This is grossly unfair," said David Rendel. Liberal Democrat social security spokesman. "For people who. are living on or near the breadline, even a few pounds a week makes all the difference."

The National Audit Office aid the computer system had 1,900 problems, of which 1,589 had been unresolved. The computer switch began last July af-ter three years' preparation. The supplier, Andersen Consulting, worked through the Christmas holiday with Contri-

screened on March 10.

cline last year and this year it would try to reverse it, chief ex-

ecutive Richard Eyre told ad-

vertisers yesterday. The huge

success of quiz show Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

helped ITV to push its 1998 au-

dience share to 37.9 per cent.

lts 1999 target is 39 per cent.

be piloted to try to repeat the success of TV Nightmares,

Man O Man, Give Your Mate

a Break and Truth or Conse-

quences, all of which get series this year. Mr Eyre said: "How-

ever great we make ITV, I don't think it is reasonable to

Imagine we can make it so fab-

Entertainment formats will

ITV halted its audience de-

ITV has good

news for Bond

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JAMES BOND will be Like These. Golden Eye will be

butions Agency staff in Newcastle upon Tyne but failed to clear the backlog. Andersen Consulting has paid £3.7 million compensation to the DSS.

Those with most to lose are new claimants; including people reaching pensionable age, becoming unemployed or widowed. Already 1.2 million people on jobseeker's allowance, 374,000 on incapacity benefit and 25,000 widows are affected. They cannot be sure of receiving the correct amount because their benefits are calculated on the basis of national insurance paid, and many of those payments are not yet on the commuter.

The Government had been warned against introducing the new National Insurance Recording Computer System (NIRS2) at the same time as reforming pensions.

Stephen Timms, a Social Se-curity Minister, said: "It will take until the end of this financial year to resume normal op-erations, and it will take long-er to catch up on all backlogs."

Watchdog to lift lid on MPs' gifts

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs would be forced to declare all gifts, loans and hospitality from fellow members of Parliament under a new interpretation of rules by the in-coming Parliamentary Com-

Elizabeth Filkin made dear yesterday that she believes a 25-year-old understanding of the interests MPs have to publish should be overhauled following the Peter Mandelson home loan affair. If accepted by the Commons, the change would lift the lid for the first time on gifts and hospitality, including the loan of holiday nomes, between MPs.

The proposal would cover gifts to an MP or their spouse from another MP of more than £125, as well as other benefits worth more than £225. It

is likely to alarm some MPs who regard such deals as private affairs.

However, in her first public comments since Mr Mandel-son resigned from government following the revelation: of his £373,000 loan from Geoffrey Robinson, the former Paymaster-General, Ms Filkin said that all arrangements be-tween MPs should be declared in the interests of transparen-

Mr Mandelson registered his loan on her advice, but Ms Filkin, who takes over from Sir Gordon Downey next month, made clear she had, not cleared him. She is still to report to the Commons Stand ards and Privileges Select Committee on whether she believes he should be censured.

Yemen wants to try London cleric

Muslim cleric Sheikh Abu Hamza al Masri, whom it accuses of masterminding the kidnap of 16 Western tourists last month. Security chiefs in the capital Sanaa say that the controversial London-based reigious leader is also behind a plot to blow up British targets

The demand comes just days before five British Muslims are put on trial for their lives, accused of being behind the foiled Christmas Day plot. At least three of the Britons

they were sent to Yemen by Sheikh Hamza, who preaches at the Finsbury Park mosque in North London. The Egyptian-born cleric,

who lost both his hands in Afghanistan, is also leader of the Supporters of Sharish group, which advocates the rule of Islamic law and whose Internet web page offered military training and depicted a hand grenade.

Security sources in Yemen Muslims to contact Abu HasDaniel McGrory and Stephen Farrell on Sanaa's frustration

SABA said the letter called for

"for committing acts of terror-

missed the extradition request, saying he would not receive a fair trial, criticised Yernen's hu-

man rights record and

claimed the arrested Britons

were tortured into making their confessions.

He insisted he had no in-

volvement with terrorism in

Yemen and claimed the same

rights to freedom of speech as

Salman Rushdie, pointing our that the author was granted

protection when he caused of-

fence to Muslims with The Sa-

tanic Verses. "If you are talk- speed up their trial."

British territory."

over Britain's perceived inaction

of three British tourists and an Australian, and received a satellite telephone call from Hassan during the abduction. In their confessions the men say Sheikh Hamza gave them \$2,000 (£1,250) to pay Abu Hassan for the weapons and their training at his terrorist base.

A security source in Sanaa said last night. We believe Hamza is the mastermind behind both these terrorist opera-tions. As the British police do not seem to be taking action against him we want to see him put on trial here." They claim to have "irrefutable evi-dence" linking Sheikh Hamza to the kidnap and the bomb plot Scotland Yard is still investigating Hamza's alleged

Yesterday, Ali Abdullah Saleh, the Yemeni President; gave Vic Henderson, the Brit-ish Ambassador, a message for Tony Blair, asking that Sheikh Hamza be banded

ing about the truth as terror-ism I cannot deny that, but if you class sending people for terrorist activities then I had nothing to do with it," he said.

"Salman Rushdie's words sicken your heart and my words are ugly in your ears, but my words are the truth and his are false." Shekih Hamza's extradition Although Yemen has no ex-

ism and sabotage in Yemen and in a number of Arab countradition agreement with Britain, the Home Office said last The agency added: The letnight that an ad hoc request ter expresses the discontent of the Yemeni Government with would be considered in the same way as any other. Howthe terrorist activities led by the terrorist Abr Hamza al ever, a spokesman refused to discuss whether an applica-Masri and other people from tion had been received, saying we neither confirm nor deny Sheikh Hamza last night disextradition requests". .

Among those arrested in Aden were Sheikh Hamza's stepson, Mohsen Ghailan, and an Algerian who is engaged to his sister. His 17-year-son, Mohamed Kamal Mustapha, is still on the run. The men's lawyer, Salim Basunaid, will complain about their treatment when they appear in court tomorcourt comes after pressure from Whitehall for the Prosecutor General in Yemen to



Sheikh Hamza outside the American Embassy in London in August after US aircraft bombed sites in Sudan

thieves steal cars • worth £350,000

By Michael Harvey

A THIEF used a wristwatch to steal dozens of huxury cars after discovering it could unlock to two years. doors and switch off alarms, a. court was told yesterday.

Sajjad Aslam used the £50 . sets and video recorders, to crack the codes on car key found the car codes. fobs. After programming the infra-red frequencies into bis warch during test drives at car showrooms, he sent accomplices to steat the vehicles. Yes

Minshull Street Crown Manchester was told that Aslam, 29, masterminded a lucrative car-ringing racket for two years. He and his gang gave the stolen cars new identities and sold them through agents across Britain.

Previous owners' names in the false registration documents included the snooker star Steve Davis, the cricketer Wasim Akram and Alexander O'Neal, the soul singer. Police believe vehicles worth at least £350,000 were stolen, doctored and sold on. Makes included Mitsubishi Shogun, Toyota, Niesan and Rover.

Yesterday Aslam, from Stockport, was sentenced to four and a half years in jail after pleading guilty to masterminding the racket. Six accomplice admitted conspiracy to controls.

steal and were jailed for periods ranging from nine months

The racket was discovered when police arrested one of the accomplices, Biny Amim, 32. Casio watch, a programmable. He refused to take off his remote control for television watch and suspicious officers sent it for testing experts

Detective Constable Ian O'Connell, who led the inquiry, said watches like the CMD40 could be bought in any High Street "These watches may be the sort of hi-tech means that 007 gets from Q in the James Bond movies but the fact is that they are very real and millions of cars are at

risk of being stolen."
He added: "I have worked on car crime for eight years and have never seen anything like this."

A spokeswoman for Casio insisted the CMD40 could not be used to "grab" infra-red codes without the key owner's knowledge because the watch-had to be placed within a few centimetres of the key fob. "We feel satisfied that the CMD40 presents no increased ability for car thieves," she said.

However, the AA said several million cars, mostly built before 1995, were potential victims to programmable remote

£50 watch helped Judge criticises parents for protecting paedophile head

A JUDGE accused parents at a leading preparatory school yesterday of ignoring signs that the headmaster was a "fixated paedophile" because their main interest was the school's academic results, and some

were enjoying fee discounts.

They rejected a "wealth of evidence", said Judge John Wroath, who chaired an Independent Schools Tribunal into 13 complaints against Robin Lindsay, the headmaster and proprietor of Sherborne Preparatory School in Dorset. The three-strong panel unanimously ordered that Mr Lindsay, who resigned last June, should be barred from holding any school post.
The tribunal criticised the

and Employment and Mr Lindsay's professional association for failing to take action more quickly. The first investigation into allegations of "inap-propriate - behaviour" took place in 1985 but an official notice of complaint was not; served until last year.

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The judge's most serious criticism was directed at the parents, who were said to have obstructed successive police and social services inquiries. Many continue to support Mr Lindsay, in spite of "serious and numerous concerns expressed by inspectors, and consider traits such as walking around the school in pyjamas and an obsessive interest in

boys' physical development as merely eccentric.

Judge Wroath said: "The parents choose to ignore the wealth of evidence as to the appellant's unacceptable behavfour and grave shortcomings and cling to the perception that he was no more than eccentric.

"Furthermore, in many cases they did not want to look too closely. The school was achieving the academic successes the parents were looking for and a number of them were enjoying substantial reductions in fees."

In Mr Lindsay's final year Sherborne had 41 boarders, whose fees were more than £8.000 a year, and 101 day pupils. Mr Lindsay, who is now 70 and was headmaster for 26 years, withdrew his appeal against disqualification, waiving his right to contest the allegations. The complaints in-cluded charges of maladministration and regular lateness or absence from lessons.

The tribunal found that there was insufficient evidence to uphold three complaints of sexual assault made by former pupils. It did, however, accept the view of a forensic psychiatrist that Mr Lindsay was a "fixated paedophile".

Bee Greene, who had two children at the school between 1981 and 1986, said: "The judge's comments are infuriating. How dare he suggest that we turned a blind eye?

Ex-soldier puts the boot in for army footwear

By Susie Steiner and Elizabeth Judge

A FORMER soldier is demanding compensation from the Ministry of Defence because he says that training in heavy combat boots caused permanent disability in his Christopher Hossack, 32, ac-

cused the MoD yesterday of negligence in letting him wear the boots for long-distance running. He says he was medically discharged from the Army and unable to earn a living. The MoD, which contests the claim, told the High Court

that Mr Hossack's problem was caused by flat feet. Michael Curwen, for Mr

Hossack, said: "Mr Hossack's case about the boot is not that it was entirely unsuitable for army use but simply it was not appropriate for as much running as he was required to do

Mr Hossack, from Sunderland, joined the Royal Regi-ment of Fusiliers in 1985 and took part in military training that involved running on Tarmac. He says he experienced pain in his ankles within a few weeks but put it down to his boots being new. Five months later he was given the highest fitness ranking possible and in 1968 was asked to join the battalion boxing team, which increased the intensity of his

training, After an operation in 1993 Mr Hossack was discharged in September 1994. He worked for a while as a lorry driver but has lived on incapacity benefit since 1997. Mr Curwen said: "Mr Hossack has a crippling condition.

He can't run at all, can't walk for more than a couple of hundred yards before feeling pain and he can't stand on his feet for any length of time." He admitted his client suffered from flat feet. "We say

that may have contributed to the problem but was not the source of the trouble." Mr Hossack is suing the MoD for £400,000. The case



unable to earn a living

Pupil and teacher 'had sex at school'

A WOMAN told yesterday how she be-came lovers with her history teacher when she was a "besotted" 14-year-old. The former pupil, now 28, said that she and Daniel Angadi had sex on school premises and that he took topless pictores of her when she was a pupil at an independent girls' school in London. "I was desperately in love," she said.

Twice-married Mr Angadi, from Ley-tonstone, East London, denies five charg-es of indecent assault in 1985 and 1986. Su-

san Tapping, for the prosecution, said that although the charges were indecent assault they involved full intercourse.

The former pupil told Southwark Crown Court that the relationship developed after a school play which was writ-ten by Mr Angadi. Her mother, a single parent, was concerned about her progress at school and encouraged her to get extra help from Mr Angadi.

He became a close friend of her and her mother before the start of the sexual relationship, which ended in 1990. The woman said that she blurted out what

had happened between the two of them to her former English teacher at a school function last year.

Under cross-examination she admitted that she had felt "jealousy and rage" when she learnt that Mr Angadi had started an affair with another woman while she was at university. She denied that she had made the allegations only because she was upset to learn at the function that he was happily married.

Mr Angadi says that the sexual relationship began only after she had left school. The trial continues.

Hossack: told court he is

Hitting circus animals does them no harm, says Chipperfield



cruelty to a chimpanzec

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

MARY CHIPPERFIELD, a prominent member of the world-famous circus family, yesterday told a court that kicking and hitting animals; was not cruel.

Ms Chipperfield, seeking to justi-fy hitting a crying baby chimpanize because it refused to go to bed, said: that inflicting pain did not necessarily harm animals. Ms Chipperfield, 61, denies 21 charges relating to animal cruelty and neglect, and said that she would do the same again. Ms Chipperfield told Andover Magistrates' Court that she "really cared about animals, but that kicking a dog that was lying in the way or a chimpanzee that would not do as she wanted was acceptable.

Her husband, Roger Cawley, 64. a government zoo inspector, admit-ted flouting the rules he was appointed to enforce. Mr Cawley, who de-nies seven charges of cruelty and neglect, admitted under cross-examination that elephants at his farm had been shackled for 24 hours a day on several occasions.

Mr Cawley said that he had had

the elephants shackled because "we were having staff problems and we didn't want to make staff work extralong hours on Christmas Day".
"I didn't think leaving them shack-

suffering," he said,
Both Ms Chipperfield, who appeared in court under her married name, Mary Cawley, and her hus-band admitted knowing that one of their keepers, who was recently sentenced to four months' imprisonment for cruelty to elephants, had previously been imprisoned for man-

Earlier, in evidence at the start of the second week of the trial. Ms Chipperfield said a change in the public perception of circuses had prompted her father, Jimmy, to reconsider what was good for animals and promote the freer environment of wildlife parks by introducing the concept at Longleat in Wiltshire. Ms Chipperfield told the court

that she now did little animal training, concentrating instead on animal dealing. She said that during her career she had worked with more than 60 keepers, and that the thing they had complained about most was the harsh way she treated

Asked about her approach to the welfare of animals in her charge. Ms Chipperfield said she had bottlefed chimpanzees, lions, tigers and hippopotami in her home. She said that she had personally fed Trudi, the chimpanzee she is accused of treating cruelly, hourly after it was nearly killed by an adult chimpan-

Trudi was later transferred to a cage where, Ms Chipperfield admitted, it spent 15 hours overnight in a darkened box. Ms Chipperfield said that by the

time chimpanzees were a year old, they had developed fangs, and that both she and her daughter had permanent scars after being bitten by them in the past.

Ms Chipperfield, who brought to

court the sticks and whips she was seen using on several animals in a secretly filmed video, said that she suffered from arthritis and could

not use much force when wielding them. She admitted hitting the chimpanzee after it bit her finger. "I gave her a couple of sharp ones.

She would have felt them but they could not possibly have harmed her," she said. Asked to elaborate, she said that it was all right to cause pain when it did not do harm. Charles Gabb, for the prosecu tion, told her: "You are master of all the animals in your kingdom. They

will do as you say when you say. If they don't they will be beaten." Ms Chipperfield replied: "Not beaten." Asked how she would describe their treatment, she replied: Touched." The trial continues.

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Police concede fire death was racist attack

Stewart Tendler on a case first treated as suicide

MICHAEL MENSON, the black musician who died after being found on fire in the street two years ago, was the victim of a racist gang linked to a series of such attacks, police said yesterday. They had originally treated his death as suicide.

John Grieve, the Deputy As-sistant Commissioner heading Scotland Yard's Race and Violence Crime Task Force, said detectives were hunting three or four attackers involved in setting fire to Mr Menson in Edmonton, North London, He appealed to any of them who might have stood back or been appalled by the anack and not

taken part to come forward. Mr Menson, a 30-year-old rock musician with a history of mental illness, was found naked and severely burnt early on the morning of January.



28, 1997: He maintained before he died 16 days later that he

had been attacked in a racist Last year, an inquest jury re turned a vedict of unlawful kill-ing on Mr Menson after police had been criticised for their

handling of the investigation. Scotland Yard agreed to reo-pen the case and, in Decem-ber, Mr Grieve said it was being treated as a possible racist

Yesterday, supported by the

ters, he appealed to the public for help. Mr Grieve said police knew there were other attacks that had not been reported and urged the victims to come forward. He asked if anyone had been racially abused and

wanted to know if there were people who had been threatened with being set alight as they travelled on buses or had been confronted with a riga-

Two people have called the

Menson, Mr Menson's sister, urged them to telephone again. Mr Grieve said police knew that people had talked about the murder. Race crime was, he said, "a brag crime". in an attempt to uncover wit

Menson, he also called on people to come forward who might have been involved in minor crime in the area at the time of the murder and had seen something. Many people Mr Grieve said Mr Menson met his killers by ill chance. He had taken the wrong bus and met them on the bus, or at the end of the route. He asked if anyone else had been threatened on the bus, a W6, than



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Right of secrecy for sex abuser is upheld

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE right of known sex abusers to keep their past secret as long as they have no crimi-nal convictions — has been upheld by the House of Lords. Five law lords have backed a ruling by the Court of Appeal last October that if a sex abuser moved from one local authority area to another, details of unit rould not be passed.

The law . refused to give leave to the watern Borough of Croydon to challenge the Court of Appeal ruling that the sex abuser involved was entitled to anonymity because he had not been convicted in a criminal court.

He had been found guilty of sexual abuse in care proceedings, where there is a lower standard of proof — on a bal-ance of probabilities rather than the criminal test of "be-

yond reasonable doubt". The move comes as the Goverment has pledged to give child care organisations de-tails of past records of job ap-plicants in an attempt to stop sex offenders from applying to

work with children. Last October the Court of Appeal overturned a High-Court ruling that if a known sex abuser moved on, then such details could be passed on as a means of protecting children in the area.

The man, aged 37, had been acquitted by a criminal court of attempted rape but in subsequent care proceedings a judge found he had abused three children in his care. He has since moved to a new area.

IACK STRAW yesterday an nounced automatic bans on visitors who smuggled drugs

into jail, despite opposition from prison governors and re-

The Home Secretary said

that, from April, visitors

caught with drugs would face a barref at least three mooties

When visits resumed they

would be subject to security

controls and prisoners who had previously been found with drugs would face regular

Last year 1,090 visitors were

caught smuggling. Mr Straw said that drug use led to

"gangsterism, intimidation, bullying and criminality in

prison when we are trying to

dring tests and searches.

Ashworth informer rebukes Dobson

By MARK HENDERSON

THE patient who revealed the paedophilia and pornography scandal at Ashworth special hospital yesterday criticised Frank Dobson for refusing to close the secure unit as recommended by a public inquiry.

Steven Daggett, who ab-sconded from Ashworth in 1996 to draw attention to its failings, says in a letter to The Times that the Health Secretary "had decided to abrogate his political responsibilities by ordering a security review instead of closure.

Writing from Rampton special hospital Nottingham shire, where he is now beld. Daggett says that he is "deeply disappointed" by the missed opportunity for reforming a discredited system:

The inquiry, chained by Peter Fallon, QC, a retired judge, this month advised Mr Dob son to close Ashworth, on Mer-Senior staff had let an eight year-old girl play unsuper-vised with child sex offenders and had permitted a trade in

drugs and pornography. Daggett, 38, from Skipton, North Yorkshire, who was convicted in 1986 of three sexual assaults on girls, urges Mr Dobson to accept the inquiry's findings that small, regional se-cure units should replace the

mwieldy special hospitals. He says that the Health Secretary has "emirely mis-judged" the crisis within the high-security hospital system mately return to haunt him".

that it was better for prisons to refer simulations to police Chris Scott, the president of the Prison Governor Associa-tion, said that prisons already

had the power to ban visitors, and that automatic bans

could cause further problems

by preventing inmates from

director of the National Asso

ciation for the Care and Reset-tlement of Officultys, said that

the crackdown could be unfair to prisoners' wives and

girlfriends, who were forced

by dealers to smuggle drugs

The Prison Service said that visitors found with drugs would continue to be reported

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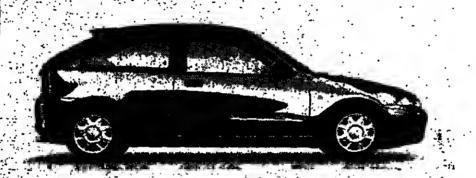
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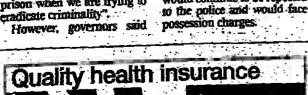
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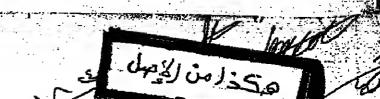
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Trying to help children of the revolution

tion was illegal, the children of unmarried teenage mothers were rou-tinely taken away by social workers and given up for adoption. Within the space of two generations, unmarried motherhood is far more common and social workers are legally bound to prevent children having to be looked after away

from their natural families. The figures expose a revolution in social attitudes towards birth and marriage. In 1975, 9 per cent of all live births were outside marriage. The figure had risen to 23 per cent by 1985 and 37 per cent by 1997. Among teenagers, the rates are even higher, putting Britain at the top of any league table.

Although the advent of the Pill has meant a decline in the overall number of babies born to teenagers from 63.500 in 1975 to 41.900 in 1995 - the percentage of those births taking place outside marriage has soared. In 1975, 32 per cent of births to women aged under 20 were to unmarried mothers. This had risen to 89 per cent by 1997 - nearly nine out of every ten teenage births. At the

same time there has been a massive fall in adoptions. In 1968, at its peak, nearly 25,000 babies were adopted in Britain. Today the figure is closer to 6,000. In a recent study of teenage mothers, conducted by the Policy Studies Institute. one pregnant young woman summed up the feelings of many of her peers when she said she would rather have a termination than con-

sider giving her baby away.
Partly as a result of these changes, there are now 1.6 million singleparent families in Britain, with a total of 2.8 million dependent chil-dren, up from 570,000 one-parent families and one million children in 1971. These dramatic shifts in publicatiitude have profound implications for policy and the public

Alexandra Frean looks at the social changes that have led to a new plan for unmarried mothers

Although reluctant to stigmatise single mothers, the Government is becoming increasingly concerned that, in allowing these trends to con-tinue unchecked, it may be sowing the seeds of intractable social problems for years to come. Reluctant to alienate Cabinet supporters who see lone-parent families as an acceptable alternative lifestyle, the Prime Minister has chosen to tackle the problem by enticing more sin-gle mothers off benefits and into

the workplace. Given that a lone parent with one child under the age of 11 gets hous-ing and other benefits worth £134 per week, and that there is a considerable body of evidence to show that children of working parents perform better at school, it is seen by many as the policy line of least resistance.

The introduction of the working-family tax credit and a new child-care allowance means that the lone parent of one child under 11 would now be able to boost her income by 667 a week if she took at full-time (35-hour) job at the minimum wage of £3.60 an hour enough to make a considerable difference to her

child's lifestyle. In addition to this incentive, sinshow up for compulsory interviews at jobcentres before they can claim benefit, but with no loss of benefit if they fail to attend. There they will get one to one help from a personal adviser to find work and top up their pay with the appropriate bencfits and tax credits.

None of this, however, will succeed unless the Government can also improve access to high-quality. low-cost childcare. To this end it has launched a National Childcare Strategy, which is aiming to create one million extra day-care places for children aged 4 to 14.

Judge halts porn film blackmail hearing

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MAN accused of extorting almost £500,000 from a retired bank manager who bought a set of pornographic videos more than 20 years ago was cleared yesterday after a judge described the alleged victim's evidence as "inconsistent and unreliable".

During the eight-day trial. Brian Crossling was said to have used threats of exposure to force Mr X to hand over pension pay-outs, sell and remortgage his homes and even borrow from friends.

The case at Newcastle Crown Court collapsed when Mr X said in evidence: "He didn't blackmail me as such, there was never any threat." He said that he had felt sorry for Mr Crossling, who had told him of a family tragedy. Mr Crossling, 40, from

Roddymoor, Durham, denied blackmailing Mr X and demanding £449,500 between 1972 and July 1997.

Mr X said: "I took pity on him. Mr Crossling had a daughter who died. He was very depressed when it happened. She was about three and died from meningitis. He poured his heart out to me and asked me for some money. I felt sorry for him. He did not threaten me.

Judge David Wood told the jury: "There is no case against this defendant. Mr N's evidence was so inconsistent and unreliable that no jury could

CJD victim's family wins verdict of misadventure

One meal of beef may have led to death, reports Simon de Bruxelles

A SINGLE meal of beef may have been responsible for the death of the first known victim of the buman brain disorder linked to "mad cow" disease, an inquest was told

The family of Stephen Churchill, who died aged 19 in 1995, told the inquest in Wiltshire of his descent from typical schoolboy to shambling wreck. They had fought for 342 years for the right to an inquest into his death from the condition that has since become known as new-variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, after "natural causes" was originally recorded as the reason for the disorder.

Dr James Ironside, of the CJD surveillance unit at the University of Edinburgh, told the inquest that the schoolboy had almost certainly contracted the disease from eating sausages or burgers containing infected beef.

The West Wiltshire Coroner, David Masters, who recorded a verdict of misadventure, said: "On the balance of probabilities the route of transmission is due to the random consumption of a meat prod-uct infected with BSE. It can be, and probably was, just one random consumption."

Since Stephen's death, 35 people have died of new-variant CJD and a further eight cases have been confirmed. As the verdict came in. Stephen's mother Dot col-

lapsed in tears. She was comforted by her bushand David and daughter Helen. Mr Churchill said later: "It is quite a terrifying thought that one single meal could create such a dreadful disease in one person and randomly affect the rest of the population." His wife added: "When the coroner said 'misadventure' it

was like saying that Stephen should never have died. It brings it home that this disease was man-made. It should never have happened. There are so many young people dy-ing from this and it is tragic." Stephen, from Devizes, in Wiltshire, was a normal teenager with an impressive aca-demic record and an ambition

to become an RAF fighter pi-

lot when he first began to

show symptoms of brain dis-



Stephen Churchill with his mother Dorothy, father David and sister Helen. He died, aged 19, in 1995

ease. At first the symptoms were mild and attributed to depression. Stephen did surprisingly badly in his mock A levels and left the Air Cadets.

Then in August 1994 he nearly died in his mother's car when he found himself inexplicably driving on the wrong side of the road. Soon Ste- were told his condition was in-

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phen's co-ordination and memory began to fail and he was suffering frightening hallucinations. He became a virtual recluse, emerging only re-luctantly from his bedroom,

Tests that he had in hospital suggested a degenerative brain disorder and his parents curable. He was admitted to a nursing home, where he died in May 1995. Mrs Churchill said that it had crossed her mind that his illness resembled BSE, the then-mysterious

infection killing cattle She said: "I did say to my husband that it might be related to BSE because you see the

cows staggering but we dis-missed it as a stupid thought. "We had a varied diet. One of Stephen's favourite foods was sausage. He did have burgers.

and spaghetti bologoaise, all the foods everybody ate during the 1980s." Last year the Churchills gave evidence to the

Tributes to the man who saved the Mail

THE late Viscount Rothermere, proprietor of the Daily Mail, was interested not only in history, newspapers and beautiful women, but also m reincarnation, the congregation at his memorial service in Westminster Abbey was told

One of his editors, facing falling circulation but emboldened by drink, asked his boss if he was not worried that he might reappear in his next life as a roadsweeper. Lord Rothermere immediately fielded the question: was the editor not worried that he himself might end up as a roadsweeper in his

More than 1,100 people, led by Tony and Chene Blair, William and Ffion Hague and Sir Denis and Baroness Thatcher. filled the abbey to hear Paul Dacre, Editor-in-Chief of the Mail, describe his former chairman as the greatest newspaper proprietor of his age.

After inheriting the dying newspaper 27 years ago, Mr Dacre said, Lord Rothermere had not only rescued it by realising that there was a vast untapped market of emancipated women readers, he had also turned its owner, Associated Newspapers, into a major me-

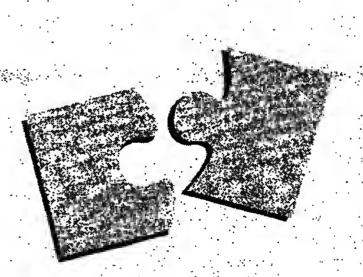
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"He possessed that rare alchemy of contradictory talents brilliant business mind and a talent for understanding the creative process of newspapers," Nir Dacre said.

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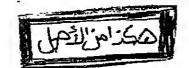
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Lecturer's lone bypass stand angers locals

BY SIMON DE BRUXBLLES

A LECTURER who gave up home and career to be an antiroads protester was yesterday singlehandedly blocking the

last stage of a new bypass.

Margaret Jones, who will be 50 on Saturday, is holed up in a derelict warehouse, the only remaining member of a group who broke in two weeks ago and declared "squatters" rights". Swathed in damp blankets and yelling through a hole in the roof. Dr Jones said yesterday: "It was not a huge step for me to do this. Politics has always been in me and I am doing it because I believe

Two years ago she was a lec-turer in American literature at the University of the West of England in Bristol, with a house in the suburbs. She gave up her job in 1997 to devote herself to environmental

Jones, who is single and does not have children, cut her final ties to her old life when she sold the house.

Eight protesters broke into the warehouse in Warmley. near Bristol, two weeks ago in an attempt to stop the Avon Ring Road scheme. Seven of them went out for provisions shortly afterwards and were unable to return after contractors blocked their path. Now Dr Jones remains alone behind the fencing and security guards, supplied through the

wire by supporters.
The ring road stretches ten miles around the eastern fringes of the city. South Gloucestershire council had been due to start work on the final stretch in 1993, but two campaigners, Barry McNeeney and Andrew Nicolson, conducted a legal challenge that delayed it for

project rose by £3 million and the two men's £100,000 bill was metthrough legal aid. The House of Lords threw out their case last April and £4 million was allocated to keep protesters away from the construction site at Siston Com-

Dr Jones's stand has angered locals who want the bypass completed to keep traffic away from residential streets. On Sunday, residents turned up to protest at the delays.

John Hunt, a Labour councilior and spokesman on planning and transport, said: "I object to these self-appointed peo-ple [the campaigners] who try to impose their point of view on the masses. I know I speak for the vast majority of locals who have suffered years of misery with relentless traffic and noise. I could possibly understand if this was a new



Hard-headed: Margaret Jones, who has given up her university job to block the progress of the Avon Ring Road

do is complete an existing one. They are not from around here and they do not have the sup-

port of local people." Dr Jones says she has been an eco-warrior "in spirit" since

road, but all we are trying to her home in Hernfordshire was demolished to make way for a road when she was IL. She taught in the United States before returning to Brit-

The council is now trying to

gain an eviction order through the courts. Dr Jones's involvement in "direct action" protests has landed her in court in: the past, and she is becoming something of a legend among fellow protesters. Rowland

Dye, of Stop the Avon Ring Road, said: Margaret is a rehave tremendous respect for her." On Saturday they will attempt to smuggle in a birthBoy found hanging after row over mess

By PAUL WILKINSON

A BOY was found hanging by his England football scarf soon after arguing with his parents about his messy bedroom. Adam Firth, 12, went to his

room after being told off for not tidying it by his mother ful-ic and faither Rob. They later found him hanging from his bunk bed.

Adam was a pupil at Balby Carr school. Doneaster. A spokesman said that teachers had told the 1,500 pupils of the death. "Adam was a model pu-pil, very friendly and well-mamered. There had been no indication, that anything was wrong," the spokesman said. Detective inspector, Dick Venables, of South Yorkshire Police, said. "It would appear he had a panor dispute with his parents regarding the state

his parents regarding the state of his perioden. These are tra-gic carriers and an inguest will be opened to look mid what eacity happened. Air and Nis Firth, who are believed to have another son and a daughter, were too upset

Grieving isle advertises for young family

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDEN

THE Hebridean isle of lona is advertising for a family to move there after a boating accident wiped out almost all its young men.

A house, described as having B&B potential and previously occupied by one of the four victims, has been advertised to let, but only families with young children have been asked to apply.

As is the case on most remore Scottish islands, Iona's population has been shrinking steadily over recent years but the accident in December has heightened the impact. The population stands at 102, of which 40 per cent are more

There is one baby on the island and the primary school's four pupils are due to move in the summer to Oban High School on the mainland. Unless there is an influx of youngsters, islanders fear that the

primary school may close. Evelyn MacPhail, an Iona community councillor, said: "There are no other children of school age and if the school closed it would be another blow to the community.

"It would also make it more difficult to attract newcomers without a school. All those who died in the boating accident may well have set up their own homes on the island and had families of their own. It is a very depressed island at

the moment" The four men were returning home from a Christmas dinner-dance on the island of Mull in the early hours of December 13 when their wooden dingy was swamped by a wave during the one-mile

They were Alisdair Dougall, David Kirkpatrick, 23, both fishermen, Logie Mac-Fadyen. 24, a farmer, and Robert Hay, 23, a tour boat operator. Their friend, Gordon tour boat, managed to swim ashore. The bodies were recovered earlier this month.

Gordon Grant senior, the father of the survivor, said: "There just aren" enough jobs on the island and housing is a problem. The only work we have is through tourism during the summer and many of the houses here are rented out as holiday homes."

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute District Council said the future of the school would be discussed at the next educa-

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Euro vote hope for caged hens

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

UP TO eight million hens ar-rive at slaughterhouses every year in Britain with broken bones, it is claimed today.

The battery cages in which most egg-laying birds are reared make bones brittle because hens are denied exercise, according to Compassion in World Farming. The publication of the re-

port comes on the eve of a vote in the European Parliament on the future of battery cages. In Britain alone some 30 million hens, about 85 per cent of the flock, are kept in cages.

The report says that brittle bones due to osteoporosis are common in caged hens, with one study finding that all birds were osteoporotic after a year of confinement. Philip Lymbery, the charity's cam-paigns director, said: "We urge Europe's politicians to ensure that breakfast in the new millennium involves breaking a free-range egg."

European MPs will vote on a proposal to increase minimum floor space per bird from 450 sq cm (less than a side of A4 paper) to 800 sq cm.

CORRECTION

A report (Media, January 22) wrongly quoted Stuart Smith, who, together with Victoria Greetham, hoaxed Channel 4 into making a documentary about them, as saying, I get a high out of it, and it keeps me off drugs". In fact Mr Smith said "it's like being on a con-stant high but without drugs". The error, for which we apolo-

Wild boars 'should be eradicated'

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT

BRITAIN'S wild boars should be eradicated because of the risk they pose to wildlife and public safety, conservation experts said yesterday.

The Game Conservancy
Trust, which advises the Gov-

ernment on countryside issues, said there would be a growing risk of people being injured or killed if boars were left to breed unchecked. The trust also gave warning that the animals could damage crops, kill lambs and groundnesting birds and pass on diseases to free-range pigs. Up to 300 wild boars are at large in Kent, East Sussex and Dorset after escaping from commercial farms. Each female can produce two litters of up to

nine piglets each year. The trust's recommendations came in response to a Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food consultation document published last year. Dr Stephen Tapper, who wrote the trust's Wild Boar Consultation Report, said yesterday: "It would be irresponsible to do nothing ... These populations will increase and could get out of hand," He said that trained marksmen should be hired to eradicate the ani-

should be imposed on farms. Keith Taylor, of the Wild Boar Association, supported the trust's call for eradication. A spokesman for the ministry said that the trust's report recommendations made by the Central Science Laboratory, and that eradication was one option that minis-

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Spielberg on top of the Globes



ARTS CORRESPONDENT

STEVEN SPIELBERG paid tribute to D-Day veterans as Saving Private Ryan, judged to be the most realistic war film ever made, was voted best film and he best director at the Golden Globe awards.

Speaking at the Beverly Hills ceremony on Sunday night, he thanked the veterans vho had "saved Western civilisation and stopped the Holo-caust in 1945", and had made his film possible.

While Spielberg stole the show for America. Britain was far from outdone: Michael Caine, Sir Tom Stoppard and Lynn Redgrave were among

those flying the flag.

Came, 65, collected the award for best actor in a musical or comedy film for his per-formance as a sleazy nightclub agent in Little Voice.

In his acceptance speech he joked: "What a shock! My career must be slipping. This is the first time I've ever been available to pick up an award." His previous awards include an Oscar for best supporting actor in Woody Allen's 1986 film, Hannah and Her

According to Stephen Woolley, executive producer of Lit-



Sean Connery and Michael Caine at a post-awards party

tle Voice, Caine waived his normal star-sized fee. "I'm really pleased for Michael. He worked so incredibly hard. He wasn't being paid a huge Hollywood salary. He just loved the screenplay."

They had worked together

on Mona Lisa when Caine had lowered his fee to work with Bob Hoskins. He had done so again because of the script and the chance to work with Brenda Blethyn and Jane paid off, Mr Woolley said.

The combined writing talents of Sir Tom Stoppard and Marc Norman won the best screenplay award for Shake-

speare in Love. The American actress Gwyneth Paltrow, who has become an honorary Briton after starring as British characters in both that film and in Sliding Doors, won best actress in a cornecty film. She beat off competition from Jane Horrocks, who delivered near-perfect impersonations of Marilyn Monroe and Mar-lene Dietrich in Little Voice.

Lynn Redgrave won the best supporting actress award for Gods and Monsters, in which she plays a crusty but loving maid to an ageing horror film director. She said: "It's been 32 years since I stood one of these on a mantelpiece and it's been

Hopes of the award for best actress in a drama going to Britain's Emily Watson, Jacqueline du Pre in Hilary and Jackie, were dashed when it was awarded to the Australian Cate Blanchett for her performance in the title role of Eliza-

Another British hope, Stephen Fry, nominated for his portrayal of Oscar Wilde in Wilde, was beaten to the best dramatic actor award by Jim Carrey for The Truman Show. Carrey's co-star, Ed Harris, was named best supporting actor.

Jack Nicholson, who in the past has been nominated for 14 Golden Globes and has won five, received the Cecil B.DeMille Award for his "outstanding contribution to the entertainment field".

The awards, which are in their 56th year, are chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and are said to give a good indication as to who will win Oscars two months later. However, Shakespeare in Love could be limited to a best screenplay award as neither best comedy nor actress in a comedy feature in the Oscars. Michael Caine's category is also a non-starter.



Gwyneth Paltrow made an emotional acceptance speech

Sarwar's election fraud trial is delayed

By GILLIAN HARRIS SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE trial of Mohammad Sarwar, Britain's first Muslim MP, was adjourned yesterday after a procedural delay. The MP for Glasgow Gov

an, who faces charges of electoral fraud and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, made no comment as he arrived at the High Court in Ed-inburgh with his wife, Per-

The trial, which will begin today before Lady Cosgrove, is expected to last at least six weeks. Witnesses listed to give evidence include the Agriculture Minister, Nick Brown. who as Labour's Chief Whip oversaw the Labour investigation into the allegations against Mr Sarwar which resulted in the MP being suspended from the party.

Alan Johnson, the Labour MP for Hull West, and Jack McConnell, the former general secretary of the Scottish Labour Party, are also expected

to give evidence.
Mr Sarwar, 46, of Pollok-shields, Glasgow, denies in-ducing by fraudulent means the electoral registration officer for Glasgow to add the names and addresses of four people to the Govan register in March 1997. He is also charged with breaching the 1983 Representation of the People Act by knowingly making false declaration about his election expenses.

Mumtaz Hussain, of Lesmahagow. Lanarkshire, appeared in court with Mr Sarwar yesterday. He faces one charge of attempting to per-



Mr Sarwar yesterday: hearing was adjourned

NEWS IN BRIEF Strike date for meat inspectors

Meat inspectors are to hold a 24-hour strike on February 2 in a dispute over pay and conditions that could disrupt supplies. Unison, their union, said yesterday that it had instructed nearly 1,000 of its members employed as inspec-tors by the Meat Hygiene Service to stay away from work on that day. Last week 352 inspectors voted for a strike, and 225 against, in a 57 per cent turnout after Unison rejected an imposed 4 per cent pay deal, backdated to last April. The union said that inspectors should have received 4.7 per cent, the same as Ministry of Agriculture staff.

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Diver suffocated

A post-mortem examination on Warrant Office Rann, 38, serving with the 1st **Battalion The Light Infantry** in Cyprus, showed that he ran out of air while searching for a lost flipper when diving off Larnaca on Sunday.

Scouts found

Four girl Scouts lost in fog for 12 hours on a hike across the Sussex Downs kept up their spirits by singing. The girls, aged 13 and 14, were located in the early hours of yesterday by a helicopter equipped with a heat-sensitive camera.

Larkin's Way

The poet Philip Larkin has had a street named after him in Wellington, Shropshire, which he described as a "hole of toad's turds". He worked in the town's library in the 1940s. saying he "never felt anything but degraded" by the post.

Offer scotched

An offer by Go, the cut-price arm of British Airways, to give any passenger wearing a kilt a free Burns Night flight from Stansted to Edinburgh. flopped. Check-in staff wearing tartan caps had no takers for the 40 seats.

Traffic stopper

A road-safety campaigner has stopped drivers speeding past his home by erecting a poster of the model Eva Herzigova undressing in his front garden. "It worked like a treat as soon as I put it up," said Cyril Long, of Barham, Suffolk.

Gypsies turn road into racecourse

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

GYPSIES who blocked a twomile stretch of dual carriageway to hold a trotting race were being sought by police yesterday.

About 60 travellers stopped traffic on the A303, near Yeovil, Somerset, at 8am on Sunday and unloaded ponies and traps from a small convoy of

Several races took place before competitors and specta-tors fled down country lanes, pursued by police. "They drove off with their boot lids up so we could not get the registration numbers," a spokes-

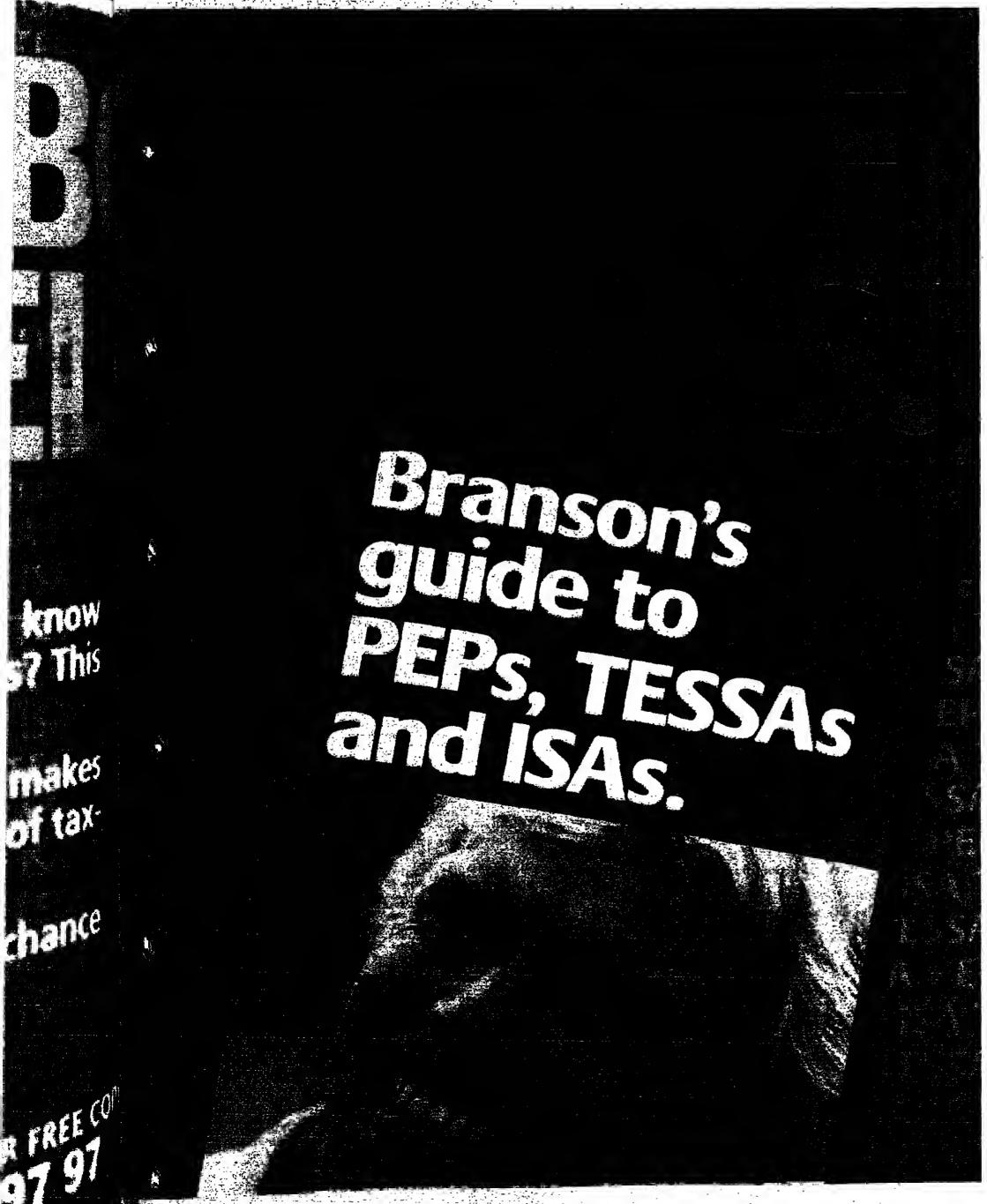
man for Avon and Somerset

police said. Motorists inundated the police with calls on their mobile phones when they found the westbound carriageway blocked. The spectators were cheering and betting on traps racing between the Podi-more roundabout and Ilchester bypass.

The police spokesman said that the departing spectators delayed traffic long enough to allow the riders and carts to escape and then made off through the village of Podi-

No arrests were made and police investigations are con-

more.



I'm no monster, says Sainsbury

LORD SAINSBURY of Turville, the Minister for Science under attack over his links to research into genetically modified food, hit back at the Tories yesterday by calling them an ann-business" party.

The Labour peer, who was until 1997 the chairman of the Sainsbury's chain of supermarkets, had been accused of funding experiments in food through a private charitable trust. He claimed the alleged "blatant conflict of interest" was impossible as his person-al fortune — estimated at £2 billion — was controlled by a blind trust over whose deci-

sions which he had no say. The Tories had claimed that Lord Sainsbury had chan-nelled money from the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, which the peer had set up in 1987, to the Sainsbury Laboratory in Norwich to experiment in genetically modified food. The foundation directs £20 million

a year to worthy causes. They also claimed that Lord Sainsbury's position on a Cabi-net committee dealing with ene foods policy was a conflict of interest. Lord Sains-bury said: "What the Sainsbury Laboratory does is fundamental research into disease resistance in plants. It isn't reMark Inglefield finds the minister accused over 'Frankenstein foods'

ready to rebut the scaremongers

motely of value to Sainsbury's. That would conflict with charity law and a charity cannot personally benefit in any way a person who gives it money." Lord Sainsbury, 59, would appear to be a very useful per-

son to have in Government. Be-sides his business expertise, he is passionate about his brief — he even held his last wedding anniversary in the Science Museum - and he is reported to have given new Labour £3 million. But have the accusations that he is in a position to benethe post I've always wanted. I've always been interested in science and how it relates to quality-of-life issues. This is the ideal job to do something

Lord Sainsbury, ennobled by Mr Blair in 1997, says the Opposition have put two and two together and made five. "I have very little to do with

any genetically modified food," he says. "All that is handled by Ministry of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment. The only

I think it is rather a shame that the Tories are becoming an anti-business party?

fit from pushing the Government into allowing "Frankenstein foods" on to supermarket shelves ever made him feel like throwing in the towel?

possible area where it might come up is the Cabinet committee, which covers the whole of biotechnology. The committee has only met once and it didn't come up then." He still ap-

points the trustees of the Gats-by foundation, but has a small say in where the money goes.

Lord Sainsbury joined the Labour Party after leaving Cambridge, but as the party drifted further to the Left in the 1970s he saw the need for a radical rethink. He joined the SDP in the 1980s. After it merged with the Liberals he devoted his time to Sainsbury's, resurfacing when Tony Blair became Labour leader.

He insists he is no bandwagon jumper. "I wrote a Fabian pamphlet in the late 1970s called Government and Industry: a New Partnership and basically that was new Labour before its time."

Were you or have you ever been a Socialist? "Um. I've always been a member of the Labour Party."

he says, again smiling. Lord Sainsbury insists that he would stand aside if he ever felt there was a genuine con-flict of interest. "I think it's very important that there aren't conflicts of interest in Government, but having said that I think it's very important that business people do come into politics," he says. He believes the Tories' point-scoring is further proof they are out of touch with modern commerce.



Lord Sainsbury: denied conflict of interest between research at the Sainsbury Laboratory and his role as Science Minister

When we had Conservative businessmen in government l think the Labour Party accepted the conventions about blind trusts and those sort of issues," he says, "so it's really rather a

shame that they are becoming an anti-business party." Lord Sainsbury is also keen to point out that his shareholdhas been handled correct-"All my Sainsbury shares

are in a blind trust," he says. On genetic modification of veg-etables, or as the tabloids put it; "Frankenstein's grub", he says: "I don't think headlines

is a scrious debate to be had about biodiversity and safety and the more the debate can be kept on those issues the bet-



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has become a dirty business

sidering becoming a econd thoughts. Each of . the industrialists who has become a minister has had his business affairs subject to minute, even obsessive, examination and criticism. This goes well beyond maintaining questions about the type of people we want in politics and government.
Immediately after the election, Lord Simon of High-

bury, the former chairman of BP, was criticised over his shares in the company. Then came the long running Geof-frey Robinson saga over his offshore trusts and complex business interests. Last sumcaused a stir because of his previous position as chairman of Scottish Media Group. This month, Michael

minister, has been criticised over his television produc-RIDDELL tion company; while Lord Sains-bury of Turville

has been accused of a conflict of interest between his role as Minister for Science and the holdings in the family super-market chain.

There is no evidence that any of these ministers abused their position in office. The criticisms of Lord Simon and Mr Wills are based on misunderstandings of the business world. The former was legallyconstrained about when he could sell his BP shares because of the inside information he had as a recent chairman, while it has taken time for Mr Wills as founder and predominant owner of his company to complete the legal steps to divest himself of his insaid about Mr Robinson, there is no evidence he did anything to benefit himself financially. He resigned because his value as a minister had been croded by cumulative attrition. The odd point has

Their desire to get their own back after the over-the-top attacks from Labour before flyde election is understandable but short-sighted. Their criticisms of Lord Simon and Lord Sainsbury have struck many in the City and industry as irresponsible and have done nothing for the party's standing with business.

The various Tory businessmen who became ministers followed similar procedure using blind trusts and standing aside from possible coning like hyperactive investiga tive journalists, the Torics should be seeking to strengthen procedures to avoid such

The present system is took formal and depends on vary tions. As I have argued before, what is needed is an ethics ioner or office to adters, as the Parliamentary Commis-

for MPs. The Government is looking to the forthcoming inquiry by the Neill Committee on Standards in

Public Life. he underlying question is whether we want? come into politics, which as · Lord Sainsbury rightly argues

is very important. Businessmen have often struggled to make a mark at the very top. but they have contributed at the medium level, as Lord Simon and Lord Sainsbury now are, by providing private sector insights and a bridge to in-

The danger is that, otherwise, we will be stuck with more and more full-time caside experience. That is in no party's chief executive who, a head of Asda, was one of Lord Sainsbury's fiercest rivals.

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Reclusive artist kept himself out of the picture

Dalya Alberge on legacy of man convinced of his greatness

paintings have been left by a reclusive artist who refused to sell his work during his

Theodore Major — who, like his friend L.S. Lowry, was inspired by the industrial land-scapes of northern England repeatedly turned down offers for his work from public and

Fearful that his art would not be properly appreciated, he hoarded about 3,000 canvases. It was said that he bought a second house just to store his paintings, which lined the walls from floor to ceiling.

"He painted because of an obsession and he was very protective towards his work," said Michael Leber of Salford Art Gallery, which owns one of his works. Pit at Wigan. "I think he developed a healthy suspicion of the art establishment in general, although, as a teacher of art, he was part of it."

made the frames for his work

Mr Ives recalled when Ma-

had about 30 or 40 pictures. I

was the sole comment on this

mark about a fellow artist."

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in their coffins."

The artist, he explained, feared that his work would suffer the indignity of being relegated to a darkened museum storeroom. The thought was too much to bear, particularly as Major was an artist con-vinced of his own greatness. He campaigned unsuccessfully for a gallery in Wigan devoted to his art.

The future of his personal collection was unclear yesterday, although dealers from London were believed to be interested. The decision depends on his daughter and his will.

Mary Major, a teacher and artist, said that some of her father's works were likely to be sold to support a charitable trust fund. She said she understood his refusal to part with the paintings. "He was entirely devoted to his works," she said. They were almost like his children. He had a vision of art. It was more of a religion than a money-making busi-

Mr Leber said that Major deserved his own gallery: Some of his work is a major contribution to 20th-century Briosh art. He did a number of works based on the Wigan area which are about death and decay. The figures are almost skeletons."

The artist was described as "an egocentric old chap" by Lawrence Ives. a collector who was also a friend of Lowry. He said yesterday: "Theo also



Rooms with a view: Theodore Major filled two homes with his paintings, which his daughter said were almost like children to him

Lowry: few words on

Art thieves 'had a shopping list'

ARMED robbers who stole of Rievaulx Abbey in the paintings worth £2 millioo from York City Art Gallery ignored works at least as valuable, police said vester-

two thieves, who called each other Bert and Tony. were working to a "shop-ping list" put together by

underworld art experts. Among the paintings they passed over during the raid on Friday evening which together were as valuable as the £500,000 Turn-

er they did take. The watercolour, a view early 1820s, was one of 20 paintings and decorated wood panels stolen.

A spokesman for North Yorkshire police said: "It seems the thieves were following orders and were not art lovers or collectors themselves. One other theory is that they were after just one Turner, and decided to add a few more to their collection just for good luck."

Art dealers have been asked to keep a look-out for the stolen works and a catalogue has been circulated to other police forces.

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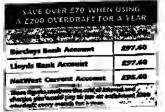




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Iraqis claim civilians died in air attack

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ accused American and British military aircraft of firing missiles into residential areas in the southern port city of Basra yesterday. The Iraqis also claimed that several civilians, including women and children, were killed and

wounded in the attack. Britain denied any involve ment. Washington confirmed that its warplanes had been in action over the southern no-fly zone after an Iraqi incursion. but said they had attacked air detence systems north of Basra. American aircraft later attacked three separate anti-aircraft facilities in the northern no-fly zone after they were tracked by ground radar and came under fire by surface-toair missiles.

There have been numerous clashes since Iraq declared that it would challenge British and US warplanes in its skies after Operation Desert Fox in December, but yesterday's incidents appeared to mark a serious escalation. Iraq has admitted boosting air defences in the south in the hope of hitting allied aircraft.

A producer for the Ameri-can television network CNN saw 12 houses destroyed in a poor residential area of Basra. Local officials said !! people had been killed in the "indis-

100 miles

criminate and savage" attack. Basra airport and an oilfield had also been hit, they said.

In the initial confusion it was unclear whether stray missiles were to blame. Washing-ton said two bombs landed outside their target areas but had no reason to believe they were responsible for civilian casualties. Baghdad's critics in the past have accused Iraqi gun-ners of shielding behind the civilian population.

The incidents in the no-fly zones, established in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War to protect the Kurdish and Shia communities, came as an isolated Iraq fulminated against the Arab League's decision to issue a resolution critical of Baghdad. Furious state-run Iraqi newspapers said it had provided cover for more American and British attacks instead of condemning last month's Opera-

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An American FI5E Strike Eagle, one of the aircraft involved in clashes over the no-fly zones of Iraq

ed to mount further today when Iraq's rubber-stamp parliament meets in special session to discuss the issue of Kuwait. The session follows calls from prominent deputies for the Government to withdraw Iraq's 1994 recognition of the tiny emirate because sanctions

have not been lifted.
"We could be back to 1990,"
said one Gulf Arab envoy.
"Iraq's attitude is that it has honoured its commitments but the Security Council is re fusing to do its job."

President Saddam Hussein accused Kuwait and Saudi Arabia at the weekend of glutting world oil markets to the detriment of other Arab states and the benefit of the Americans. The two countries had handed "America and Zionism knives to pierce Arab nations with", he said. His remarks echoed lrags com-plaints against Kuwait before the 1990 invasion.

The Iraqi delegation walked out of the stormy Arab League talks in Cairo on Sunday when foreign ministers demanded that Baghdad renounce "provocations" against its neighbours and comply with United Nations resolutions before economic sanctions could be lifted.

The foreign ministers made clear their sympathy for the Iraqi people, but offered none to Saddam's regime. They expressed "sorrow and displeasure" over the military option against Iraq but offered no exolicit condemnation of the four-day attacks in December. Baghdad had demanded that Arab League members bypass the UN and lift sanctions. Muhammad Said al-Sahaf,

the Iraqi Foreign Minister, blamed Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria for the tone of the resolution, which newspapers said was drawn up "in advance by the Americans". "Instead of condemning the

US and British aggression against Iraq, these plotters. these corrupt parties and hypo-crites blamed Iraq and put the responsibility on it," commented al-Jumhuriya.

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A curtain of smog envelops Mexico City — top of the dirty-air league when sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide are included in the cocktail of total atmospheric pollution, according to the World Resources Institute

Stressed-out rats shed light on how humans fall ill

From Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR IN ANAHEIM

TWO strains of rats, one calm and the other jumpy, are throwing new light on human

Although almost identical in other respects, the two strains tend to suffer different diseases. The calm rats develop rheumatoid arthritis, allergic skin diseases, asthma and the rodent equivalent of multiple sclerosis. The oervous rats are far more prone to colds and influenza.

The difference, said Dr Esther Sternberg of the US National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, lies in how rats respond to stress and the effect it has on their immune systems. Applied to humans, it may help to explain the occasional effectiveness of alternative medicine, or why some people in medical trials get better even when given sugar pills.

The calm rats, which Dr said that jokes provoke laughter because they are nature's false alarm system. "A typical Sternberg compared to laidback Californians, respond to . stress by pumping out low levjoke takes the listener along a els of the stress bormones. path of expectation, then at One role of these hormones is the end throws in a punchline to control the immune rewhich involves a complete response the body's mechanism for fighting off infections. If interpretation of everything that has gone before," he said. "It is the violation of expectoo little is produced, the im-mune response remains

tations that makes jokes funny. The reason we laugh is to alert other people that it is a. false alarm - what has happened is not a serious threat."

As an example, he cited the traditional slapstick joke of a fat, self-important man slip-

that they make themselves vulherable to ordinary infections. The light the rats cast on the links between mood and disease were discussed on Sunday at the meeting of the Advancement of Science in Anaheim, California.

turned up, and may actually

damage the body by turning

against it, in the auto-immune

arthritis and MS.

liseases such as rheumatoid

The jumpy rats, which she

conjured to New Yorkers,

have the opposite problem.

They produce too much stress

hormone, which turns down

the immune response so far

A WOMAN who laughs uncontrollably when pricked with a needle has illuminated the nature of jokes.

She suffers a particular kind of brain damage which makes a painful experience seem funny, a neurologist from the Centre for Brain and Cognition at the University of California at San Diego told the conference on Sunday. Dr ·V.S. Ramachandran

ping on a banana skin. This is funny if he merely loses his

A car being tested for emissions in Beijing

dignity, but if he cracks his skull open on the pavement and bleeds it is not tunny. Dr Ramachandran said.

In the case of his patient who laughed when pricked with a needle, the brain damage lay in the links between the place in the brain where the pain is perceived and the place where that perception is processed in the emotional centres of the brain. "One part of the brain said pain, but the other said: it's no big deal. So she laughs," he said.

☐ CHILDREN in the major cities of China and India breathe air so full of pollutant particles that it is equivalent to smoking 40 cigarettes a day, a leading environmentalist claimed yesterday.

Dr Devra Lee Davis of the World Resources Institute, a Washington based thinktank, said explosive growth of traffic and industry has led to pollution, levels far greater than World Health Oppanisation guidelines. Of the top ten curtiest cine

measured by total amounts of particulate matter in the air, nine are in China and one, Rajkot, in India, she said.

When sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide are included, a different picture emerges. Making allowance for the number of children under five living in each city produces a league table in which Mexico City is top, followed by Beijing Shangkai Telizan Caljing, Shanghai, Tehran, Cal-cuita, Bombay, Delhi, Tianjin, Manila and São Paulo.

Family of five shot dead in Kosovo hamlet

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

BRITISH monitors in Kosovo yesterday alerted the Serbian police to the deaths of five ethnic Albanians, whose bodies were found shot and burnt on a tractor and its trailer in an area the local authorities said was controlled by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

A retired British Army briga-dier, Ian Macleod, brought six teams of international mon-turs to see the bodies in the hamler of Rakovina, on the road leading from the western town of Djakovica towards

Sources close to the monitors said the victims were shot with a heavy machinegun on Sunday before their tractor and trailer, laden with corn. caught fire. Two of the dead were children; all were said to a be from the same family. There was no confirmation on

whether they were refugees.

The monitors helped to escort a Serb investigating magistrate to the scene, near the so-called "Ho Chi Minh" trail constructed by the KLA to transport supplies between its central Drenica and western Decane zones of control. The Serb media centre in Pristina claimed there had been no police patrols anywhere near the area for several days.

The incident is the worst in Kosovo since the Racak massacre that claimed 45 Albanian lives, ten days ago.

The American envoy, Christopher Hill, met the ethnic Albanian leader, Ibrahim Rugo va, in Pristina yesterday to run-through Contact Group thinking, according to an aide to Mr Hill. There are persistent rumours of a conference in Vienna at which Mr Rugova and political representatives of the KLA would try to find a common voice and an agenda falling short of outright independence.

A spokeswoman for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), meanwhile, dismissed as "absolute rubbish" reports that the senior international monitor, William Walker, might take an extended period of leave from his duties in Kos-JVO. IVLE WELKEE I denounced by senior figures in the Serbian and Yugoslav Governments, who maintain that he should be expelled from Yugoslavia for his comments on Racak

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Even the OSCE chairman. Knut Volleback, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, seems to have distanced himself slightly, saying Mr Walker "reacted emotionally" in the massacre village and that "it would have been cynical and inhuman if he hadn't'.

'Miracle' as boy survives -50C flight

Paris: Doctors have hailed as a miracle the survival of an adolescent boy who hid in the undercarriage of an aircraft on a flight from Senegal to France

(Ben Macintyre writes).

They say that he should have died of cold or suffocation. The boy, who claims to be aged 15 and has not been identified because he is a minor, spent five hours huddled near a wheel in the undercarriage as the aircraft reached an altitude of more than 30,000ft and the temperature dropped to -50C (-58F).

He was discovered, suffering from advanced hypother-mia, after the Air Africa Airbus from Dakar landed at Lyons airport a week ago. The boy is now believed to be out

The Times and The Royal Institution

Scientists for the new century

IN THE first of a new series of lectures startingtomorrow, Dr Martin Westwell a chemist from Oxford University, will de-scribe the rise of the superbug. For the first ime, modern medicine has no antibiotics with which to fight the most deadly bacteria.

The lecture will be held at 7.30pm at the Royal Inmon of Great Britam, 21 Albemarie Street, London, WDX 4BS, For tickets (65/£3 concs) please call DEM 640 2005; Elekters will be held for collection at the venue on the night.

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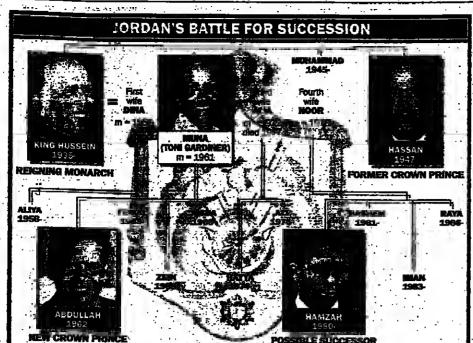
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family of five show dead in Kosovo hamler



Hussein plays safe by opting for eldest son

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan has ended days of speculation and confirmed by royal decree that his eldest son, Prince Abdullah, 36, is his heir in place of the King's 51-year-old brother, Prince Hassan, who had held the position of Crown Prince for 34 years.

The decree was signed on Sunday night after a spate of rumours that under the influence of his American-born fourth and current wife, Queen Noor, the King might have passed the succession to their son, Prince Hamzah, who is still a teenager.

Many senior Jordanian poli-

Many senior Jordanian politicians had given a warning that such a move could provoke unrest. Toujan Faisal, Jordan's only woman MP until her defeat in last year's election; said: "Hamzah would have suffered the same fate as Faisal [Hussein's rousin, murdered when King of Iraq in 1958] because the people would have seen his promotion as blatantly unfair and a sign that technic the scenes the Americans were trying to run our country."

Mrs Faisal, who sai as an opposition independent in the
lower house of Parliament,
added: "After the plan was
floated, the King saw it would
be too risky to take the Hamzah option. Instead he opted
for the much safer move of
switching the succession back
to Abdullah. But there are still
many Jordanians who resent
the way that Hassan has been
dealt with."

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Some officials said that

Prince Hassan had taken the
news "like a soldier" and im-

King's decision strengthens the English link,

Christopher Walker writes

while others claimed he had sought permission to take a holiday abroad and was seriously considering leaving the country. Most senior aides dismissed this suggestion.

The reappointment of Prince Abdullah to the role he held briefly in the early 1960s as a toddler has revived traditional British influence in Jordan. His English born mother Princess Muna (nee Toni Gardiner) is an occasional visitor to Amman, and the Prince himself served happily for a time in the British Army in Britain and West Germany. As both Princes—Abdullah and Hamzah—had foreign born mothers who converted to Islam, the Crown Prince's backgriffild was described in royal

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circles as no longer seen as a bar to his succession to the throne that Hussein took over 47 years ago at the age of 17. Senior politicians said that the King's encounter with his

Senior politicians said that the King's encounter with his own mortality during his second major cancer scare in only seven years had prompted him to move quickly to restore the Hashemite monarchy's succession to a son who would carry on his own legacy.

For months, Amman had been plagued with rumours about different sons being favoured, speculation that was fuelled when the King was perceived as taking an action or expressing a sentiment in support of one or other of them.

Palace sources said the King had wavered briefly before

had wavered briefly before signing the historic decree replacing his younger, Oxford-educated brother who had been his close confidant and had repeatedly acted as regent since his appointment in 1965, a time when the King feared early death from assassination and an end to the Hashemite fine.

Last night politicians said

stitute was concerned that, despite perceived blunders during the past six mooths, his brother should be given a gracious dismissal to ensure that his removal did not cause future dissent in the family ranks. They claimed that the monarch, who has a reputation of acting magnaminously towards even his bitterest political enemies, might be planning to appoint him as his deputy in economic areas and the Middle East peace process—areas to which Prince Hassan has devoted his working life.





The chosen one: Top, Prince Abdollah and brother Faisal with Muna, their mother; left, the Prince's parents on their wedding day in 1961; right, the Prince on parade

Down-to-earth blonde who won royal heart

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

KING Hussein of Jordan's decision to reappoint his eldest son, Prince Abdullah, as heir has propelled back to the limelight one of the most unlikely and umassuming Englishwomen ever to play a major role in Middle East affairs.

When Toni Gardiner, then 19, became the King's second wife in 1961 it appeared like a fairytale romance for the blonde, down-to-earth girl who had met her husband-to-be when a young RAF officer took her Scottish-dancing at the King's house at Shuneh, beside the Dead Sea.

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The daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Walker Gardiner, an officer who had stayed in Jordan after the British Training Mission was broken up in 1959, Ms Gardiner became a Muslim, a Jordanian citizen and took the name Muna al-Hussein (Hussein's Delight).

Hussein (Hussein's Delight).
The King's first wife had been the Cambridge-educated Queen Dina. But with Ms Gardiner he seemed to have found the ideal partner, although some leading Jordanians had reservations about the offspring of a converted Muslim and English-bornwoman ever succeeding to the Hashemile throne.

"Toni was a vivacious outdoors girl with simple tastes and no intellectual pretensions," wrote Roland Dallas, the King's biographer. "She was pretty, charming and the same height as the King. "Like Hussein, she enjoyed

"Like Hussein, she enjoyed riding, swimming, dancing and parties... She could not drive, and Hussein took delight in teaching her. They went go-karting together."

The King wrote in his autobiography: "For the first time
in my life, here was a girl who
took an interest in me as a human being and oot a King."
The marriage lasted until
1972, during which time the
Princess (she did not wish to
be called Queen) bore the
King four children, two boys
and twin girls, of which the
eldest was Abdullah, born on
January 30, 1962.

He was briefly created Crown Prince until Kiog Husscin, unnerved by several assassination attempts, altered the succession in favour of his

brother, Prince Hassan, 51, who was unceremoniously stripped of the role last week.

Despite a divorce soon after the King's eye lighted on Alia Toukan, a beautiful member of a Palestinian family with deep roots in the West Bank city of Nablus (who, as Queen Alia, was to be killed in a helicopter crash). Muna has remained a respected figure.

"She behaved with great dignity, turning down many other proposals of marriage and never speaking out bitterly about the divorce," a senior Palestinian journalist said yesterday. "She moved abroad, but has been back to Amman many times for family events like the birth of grandchildren, and remains one of the Royal Family."

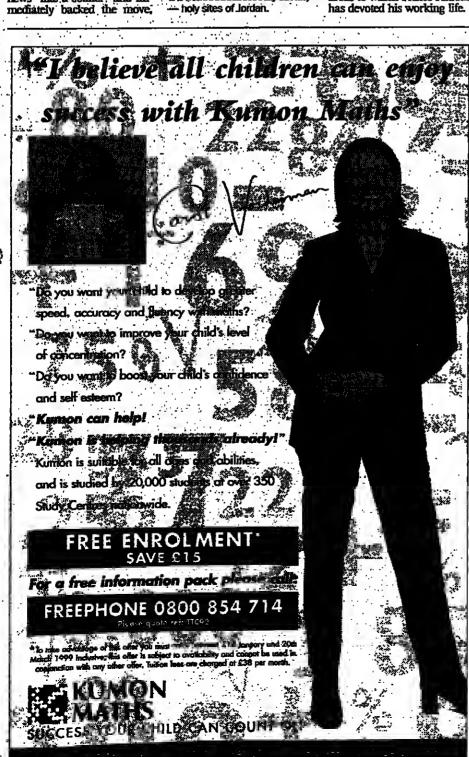
British diplomats are cocka-hoop that the King has set-

She behaved with great dignity, never speaking bitterly of the divorce?

tled for an heir with English roots rather thao his favourite son, Prince Hamzah. 19, the eldest son of his fourth and present marriage to the American-born Queen Noor.

"There is no doubt that the Americans were plumping for Hamzah, hoping their influence on Jordan's future would rise proportionately." said a prominent Amman banker. Palace sources said that the King had eventually alighted on Abdullah because of his senior army role and his realisation of the bitterness — and possible violence — that the irregular promotion of Hamzah would provoke.

Abdullah has strong support in the tribally dominated armed forces and strong links with the Palestinians, who make up over 60 per cent of Jordan's population, via his wife Rania, from the West Bank lown of Tufkarm.





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Mercenaries' rage kindled by atrocities

tinue to murder priests and missionaries, and amputate the limbs of civilians left to their mercy, battle-hardened mercenaries are vowing their willingness to "do the job for nothing - just to finish the

Fred Marafono MBE. a former warrant officer with the SAS, is now a mercenary for the Government. Aged 58 and a veteran of British campaigns in Oman, Borneo and Northern Ireland and scores of covert operations which took him from Mexico to South Africa, Mr Marafono should have hung up his gun

He is of Fijian origin, and on retiring from the SAS after 28 years said he could not face 'just sitting abour'. He joined Executive Outcomes, a South African company offering mercenary services, to fight for the Sierra Leone Government against Revolutionary United Front rebels in 1994.

Often unpaid, their lives at risk, the men of Executive Outcomes lost their contracts with the election of President Kab-bah. But Mr Marafono stayed on, contracted directly to Ecomog, the Nigerian-led West African peacekeeping force fight-

Sierra Leone's rebels violate even the rough code of African conflicts, writes Sam Kiley

ing the rebels. Ecomog officers admit that they would have lost Freetown last month without Mr Marafono and his comrades — "Juba" Joubert and Neil Ellis, both South Africans, and their Ethiopian engi-neer. Sindaba. They are the crew of "Bokkie", a M117 helicopter flying seven hours a day to resupply soldiers and give support from the air against anti-aircraft guns used to terrifying effect on West Afri-

"Without these guys, we would have run out of food and ammo and fled the front. They are amazingly brave. I know they do it for money, but I wouldn't do it for anything, ' said a Nigerian lieutenantcolonel, himself a veteran.

As a crew, providing the services of Bokkie, they earn



Fred Marafono, a former SAS man, now fighting as a mercenary for the Government in Freetown

priests and nuns by the rebels, keep them here. Killers themselves, they have no qualms about dispatching hundreds of their enemies in a hail of fire. "I love it, it's fantastic," Mr Ellis said about letting loose a "brief burp" from Bokkie's machineguns. He is a veteran of the apartheid-era South African special forces. But the atrocines in Sierra Leone have also brought out the humanity behind the armoured shells of these soldiers of fortune.

about \$2,000 (£1,235) an hour — when the money is paid. At the moment, the Bokkie crew

are owed for seven months' fly-

ing. But memories of recent

scenes at Freetown's Con-

naught Hospital, and the cold-

blooded murder of Catholic

"There is nothing in the world that can justify what is happening here. There is no way we can give up on these people. They are my people now. I am one with them," Mr Marafono said.

Jean-Jacques Fuentes. former pilot with the French special forces, and "Matthew" his co-pilot, who fly reconnaissance missions for Ecomog, have also clearly been horri-fied by what they have seen in Sierra Leone.

They recently met Lamen Jusa Jaka, a teacher, who sat on the floor in a corridor of the Connaught Hospital, pointing the bloody stumps of what used to be his hands at the

"I begged them not to do it, I begged them," Mr Jaka said. "But I knew it was no use. I just looked to the sky when they brought the axe down on my wrists. They seemed to be enjoying themselves."

Someone dropped some drugs into a pocket he will never be able to use again and told him to go home. "Home? Home? Where is home? It is a pile of ashes. I

have nothing. I cannot ever scratch myself again, or blow



my nose, write, dig — I am fin-ished." He shuffled off, carry-ing his arms at right angles to

the ground. M Fuentes said: "I can't take any more of this. I really can't. After this job, I'm going to quit, I promise." Himself a veteran who has fought for Mobutu Sese Seko in Zaire and Dennis Sassou-Ngeusso in Congo-Brazzaville, he added: "I don't like it one bit - being made to feel human again because

some child has had her hands chopped off." ☐ Journalists seized: Two Eu-

ropean journalists were abducted yesterday by Sierra Leone rebels, who later told one of them to deliver a demand to the authorities.

Patrick Saint Paul of the Paris daily, Le Figaro, told reporters that he and Javier Espinosa, of the Spanish newspaper El Mundo, were seized at Rukupa, near Wellington, an eastern suburb of the capital, Freetown.

The rebels headed with the two into the nearby bush where they later released M Saint Paul. The Frenchman said the rebels had ordered him to pass on their demand for negotiations with the Nigerian-led Ecomog forces.

They said they would not release Señor Espinosa until their demand was broadcast

WORLD IN BRIEF

More Christians attacked in India

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Lucknow: Officials in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh said yesterday that five Christian missionaries were beaten up, a day after an Australian missionary and his two sons were burnt alive by a mob of Hindu zealots. The latest victims of a rash of attacks on the country's minority Christian community occurred on the banks of the River Ganges in

N. Ravi Shankar, the state's Home Secretary, said the five N. Ravi Shankar, the states right secretary, said the live Christians belonged to a missionary organisation called "Faith in Jesus" from Kerala state, where 23 per cent of the population is Christian. The victims were said to have been handing out pamphlets. (Reuters) Leading article, page 19

Ice fishermen safe

Moscow: Nearty 400 fishermen stranded on ice-floes and swept out to sea off the island of Sakhalin in Russia's Far East returned to land safely. The floes broke away from the coast and drifted for about an hour before the current pulled them back towards the shoreline at Cape Lesnoy, Moscow's Echo Radio reported. Ice fishing, on frozen lakes or rivers, is a winter tradition in Russia; drawing dozens and sometimes hun-dreds of fishermen to holes drilled in the ice. (AFP)

BA man escapes trial

Fairfax, Virginia: A British Airways flight attendant avoided Fairfax, Virginia: A British Airways night amendant avoided a trial here by pleading no contest (neither admitting nor denying guilt) to assault and battery charges in a colleague's alleged rape. Julian Henry, 47, of Pulborough, West Sussex, was fined \$1,000 (£600) for the attack in a botel room. The prosecutor dropped rape and sexual assault charges in exchange for the plea. The victim, 45, alleged that Henry raped her after several hours drinking at the hotel. (AP)

Stolen Uccello found

Chambery: Police officers patrolling a parking lot in Aix-les-Bains, southeast France, stumbled on a stolen painting by the Renaissance Florentine artist Paolo Uccello. The 15th-century oil portrait Unknown Man, stolen from the Chambery Museum this month, was found propped up against a bash on Sunday. The museum curator said the thieves were probably unorganised and became scared. (AFP).

Nuclear verdict delayed

Bonn: Germany's plan to abandon nuclear power hit a snag when the Government announced it had put off a controversial decision on banning exports of spent nuclear fuel. Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, right, was concerned that Germany would have to pay compensation if it scrapped reprocessing deals with. French and British plants, a government spokesman said. About one third of German electricity is supplied by nuclear power. (AP)



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Harare: Police yesterday released Clive Wilson, the proprie tor of The Standard, after detaining him for three days over the newspaper's report of an alleged conspiracy to overthrow President Mugabe (Jan Raath writes). Mr 1998 sop, 62: said he had not been subjected to any ill-treamment in captors, unlike the editor. Mark Chavunduka, and a reporter, Ray Cho-

90-year-old's fiftieth

Riyadh: A Sandi villager, over 90 years old has taken a 13 year-old for his fiftieth bride. The man from the fizan region in the south of the kingdom has about 50 children ranging from 12 to 65 years old. It is assumed that the villager, who lives on a diet of dates and yoghurt, must have divorced dozens of women, because Islam allows a Muslim to have a maximum of four wives at any one time. (AFP)

Plea to Mandela as gunmen kill another party official

FROM KAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AN urgent meeting with President Mandela was being sought yester-day by leaders of South Africa's United Democratic Movement (UDM) following the murder of a second

Roelf Meyer, the party's deputy president, said talks with Mr Mandela - who has postpooed visits to Uganda, Switzerland and Germany

that he was scheduled to begin vesterday - about the killings were

Police said they were not ruling out a link between the latest murder outside Cape Town and the deaths of II people in an attack by gunmen on a funeral vigil at Richmond in KwaZulu-Natal province, hundreds

of miles away, on Saturday night. The murdered mourners were sunporters of the African National Congress (ANC) in an area of South Africa where mous have been murdered for their political allegiances.

The attack came only hours after Sifiso Nkabinde, Secretary-General of the UDM and a former ANC warlord, died in a hail of bullets fired at his car in the centre of Richmond.

More than 1,000 police and troops are patrolling the Richmond area amid rising concern that political violence could erupt there and in

omer parts of South Africa in the run-up to the country's second democratic general election in a few months' time.

Valindlela Matiyase, deputy chair-man of the UDM in the Western Cape province, was shot dead when he was called to the front door of his home in the Samora Machel informal settlement outside Philippi, near Cape Town, at dusk on Sunday. Police said two gunnen fired four shots at him. shots at him.

ine ulumi was tormed in 199 Mr Meyer, a former National Party minister who was its chief negotiator in constitutional talks with the ANC and Bantu Holomisa, a one om black homeland leader, after his

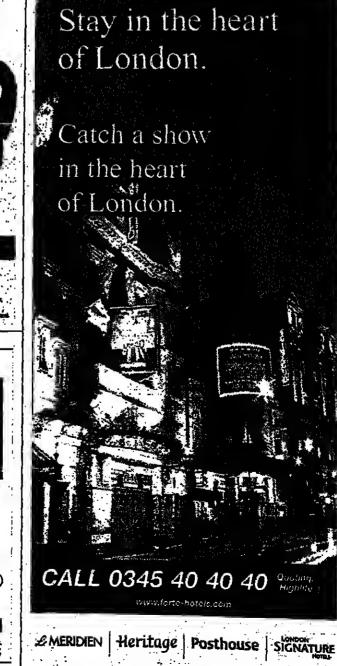
expulsion from the ANC.

The party is claiming big gains in support in the Western Cape province, where the ANC is mounting a fierce campaign to win control from the National Party at the election.



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Leading lady regains stage in trial drama

SOMETHING has been missing from President Clinton's trial. Everto devoted impeachmentologits, it had been a letdown until now. A motley crew of lepublican prosecu-tors had rehearsed the same old argunents and received the same old responses from an only narginally more char-ismatic bunch of White House lawyers atting for a President who caries on as if nothing

untoward is happening.
Then suddenly there was "that wman" again and the personaldrama returned. After estifying in front of Kenneth Starr's grand jury last year, Monica Lewinsky quickly noved out of her appartment in the Watergate building and has subsequentby divided her time between her maher's home in New

York and her father's in Cali-

fornia. She has been spotted occasionaly, but generally kept Her return to Washington was not a happy one. She came licking and screaming. The House of Representatives trial managers had to recruit the obiging Mr Starr to use his ful powers as independent prosecutor to ensure that she

turner up to answer their pre-Onewould have understood if she roped never to return to

The reluctant return of Monica Lewinsky revives Senate hearing, writes Damian

Washington again. The New York Times quoted a friend as saying that she had cried her-self to sleep on Friday night as she prepared to relive her sto-TV once more.

Whitworth

"It was happening all over again. It was a year ago all over again." said the friend, who added that Ms Lewinsky was not doing well It's been a year, and I think she was fulled by the quietness of her life the past few months. She was just a mess this week. Once she learnt she had to go back to Washington, she was

really upset."
Ms Lewinsky flew from
New York after arriving at the
airport to find that Mr Starr's office had reserved a ticket for ber but had not paid for it. She had to pay the full first-class

Ms Lewinksy must be heard In the capital she headed for "We found her to be a very the plush Mayflower Hotel to

personable and impressive young woman, and we found that she might be a very helpful witness to the Senate if she is called." Mr McCollum said. The whole affair could still fizzle out. But a glimpse of Ms Lewinsky was a tantalising reminder that the much-hyped proceedings could yet become a genuine trial of the century if she is made to take the stand.

Two thirds of Americans maintain that they want the show to be ended once and for all. But it is a safe bet that they will be goggle-eyed in front of their televisions if Ms Lewinsky is ever cross-examined by the 100 Senators.

We're all trying to be helpful to the Senate as they go through this endeavour, and I believe that she would be a wit-



Monica Lewinsky yesterday at Washington's Mayflower Hotel, where she is staying

them. Ms Lewinsky main-

tained in her grand jury testi-mony that she had been asked

Mr Clinton's secretary said

determine the truth," Mr Hutchinson said. In addition to Ms Lewinsky,

prosecutors have said they want to call Betty Currie, Mr Clinton's secretary, his friend. Vernon Jordan, John Podesta, the White House Chief of Staff, and Sidney Blumenthal, ness who would help them to a White House aide. The prose-

cutors are understood to have that she retrieved them and asked Ms Lewinksy in particukept them under her bed at the lar about the gifts that she reinstigation of Ms Lewinsky. ceived from Mr Clinton and efforts that were made to hide

This contradiction is at the centre of the allegation that Mr Clinton was behind a move to obstruct justice by trying to hide evidence of his relafor them by Mrs Currie but tionship with the former White House trainee.

Clinton basks in papal visit's reflected glory

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

IN A priceless photo opportunity, President Clintoo is set to meet the Pope late today. The Pope will arrive in St Louis, Missouri, heart of the Midwest, where crowds of up to a million are expected to meet him. Settled by the French, St Louis is a strongly Catholic city whose Archbishop, the Most Rev Justin Rigali, served in the Vatican for near-

ly three decades. But despite the rapturous welcome he is expected to receive, the Pope's recent remarks coodemning the death penalty, used by more than half of the states, is expected to reopen controversy.

In the Pope's honour, Missouri has given a temporary reprieve to Darrell Mease, a mentally-disturbed Vietnam veteran on death row for the past decade for a triple murder. He was due to be put to death tonight but his execution has been postponed until February 10.

Bill McClellan, a columnist on the St Louis Post-Dispatch. yesterday declared that the Pope "couldn't get elected dog-catcher in this country". His auti-abortion views offended Democrats, he said,

while his concern for the poor offended Republicans. The Wall Street Journal has described the Pope's economic policies as "warmed-over Marxism". He has criticised the US for "materialism and

The Pope flew to St Louis fresh from a three-day trip to Mexico. It is traditional for the President to greet the Pope oo arrival in the US.



The Pope prepares to

Arguments prove a trial to spell out

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intriguing aspects of President Clinton's impeachment trial has been the poor standard of spelling (writes Damian Whit-

It started with the souvenir pens presented to each senator in order to sign the pledge to re-main impartial during the trial. They were inscribed with "Untied States Senator" and quickly became collectors' items. Then followed the publi-

President "Cinton". It has been all downhill from there. Barely a session of the trial goes by without glaring errors appearing on giant cards printed by opposing sides to demon-strate key points in their case from the well of the Senate

cation of Republican briefs for

the trial - of someone called

a reputation for fastidiousness in such matters, nutted at the introduction of a "calender" and were somewhat puzzled by a reference to "bulgary". The word was used to describe the act of breaking into another person's property. Heads were scratched when

Trent Lott, the Senate Majority Leader, brought farmyards and hiking into the proceedings in a public letter which referred to the House "mangers" who are running the impeachment "trail". The Republicans so far ap

pear less literate than the White House, although Mr Clinton's lawyers did note that the whole affair was a "mind field". No one was sure if this was an error.

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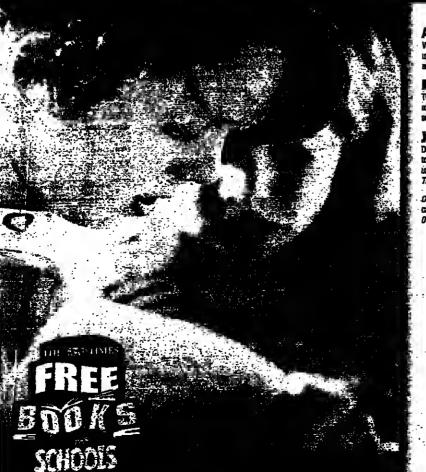
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The agony of psoriasis

t the end of August 1996 both my daughiers left home to take up graduate scholarships in America. I knew that they would probably never again spend extended periods in my house, but persuaded myself that I had "coping strategies" well in place. Within days of their departure, I embarked on a more than usually expensive holiday, a Hellenic cruise. I calculated that during the course of this holiday I would become really keen to get back, even to an empty home, and to resume my absorbing work on Shakespeare's Sonnets.

This was indeed the case, and I returned to much enjoyable busy-ness, not consciously marred by what I took to be a moderately virulent outbreak of athlete's fool caused by too many visits to my swimming club in a prep school, where term be-gan in early September. After a week or three I went to my GP and told her I thought I had athlete's foot. Amid pleasant char of this and that, she sat at her computer and prescribed some antifungal cream. I warned one or two fellow members of the swimming club that there might be infections around in the women's changing room, used at other omes of day by "away" rugby teams of little boys. My spirits were slightly dampened, as

autumn and a new academic year set in. by a sense that as a responsible citizen I should cease to visit the swimming pool -I normally went three times a week - for fear of infecting others. I hit on what I thought a rather brilliant solution: I bought rubber foot coverings and went swimming in them a couple of times, hoping to avoid passing the infection on, but was surprised to discover what a part toes play in swimming, and how impeding it is to have the feet encased in latex. Perhaps this experience gave me some empathy

with the condom-wearing sex.

The only real solution seemed to be to abandon swimming, especially since the athlete's foot was, if anything, more virulent, despite a second instalment of andfungal cream, and had now spread to the right foot as well. I also noticed that, immersed in the morning paper, I seemed clumsily to have cut some flaps of skin loose on the palm of my right hand while peeling my apple and pear with a sharp knife at breakfast. However, being extremely busy, as October and November advanced, with teaching, lecturing and writing the introduction to my edition of the Sonnets, I didn't devote much thought to any of this, though I did buy lots of hypoallergenic plasters to keep my crack-ing and bleeding soles more or less in one piece. My morning and bedtime routines - peeling off the day's plasters and applying a fresh set, with what seemed like great cardboard-like rafts of skin coming

off - became increasingly disgusting. My doctor changed her tune, and decided that either it never had been athlete's foot or that the athlete's foot was secondKatherine Duncan-Jones has defeated the virulent condition that made her hands and feet bleed



Katherine Duncan-Jones: "I kept thinking of the Little Mermaid, who was permitted to exchange her fishtail for legs at the price of feeling that she was treading on knives"

ary to some other skin problem. She set things in train for an appointment with an NHS dermatologist, although she was fairly sure that what I had would eventually be diagnosed as "acute dermatitis" -doctors Greek for bad skin trouble.

She recommended that I wear cork insoles. With terrifying speed, lacking my habitual exercise, I became alarmingly lame and unfit. I kept thinking of Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. who was permitted to exchange her fishtail for human legs only at the price of feeling that with every step she was treading on knives. Normally an early riser, I took to lying in bed in a state of acute apprehension, dreading the pain when I put my bleeding feet to the floor, and not at all

sure f could face the small amount of walking required to get me downstairs, and to work. After a few minutes I usually became inured to the pain, especially once I had strapped up my cracked, bleeding feet with rolls of the sticking plaster I was now using, but I did make careful calculations of the least amount of walking I could get away with, and became quite' stressed if I had to walk any farther. Meanwhile, the skin on my hands was flapping off in large pieces, and I dreaded meeting anyone who might shake my hand and feel its horny edges. My hands, like my feet, were now so cracked at the centre of the palm that sometimes they bled slightly. I began jokingly to refer to

the condition as "my stigmata", adding

that whatever had caused it, it certainly

couldn't be sanctity. By December I was tottering from foot to foot in pain. My left foot was still the worse, however, and my doctor alarmed me with a bit of medical humour, saying: We don't want you to lose it." She prescribed powerful steroid cream - acrossthe-counter stuff had done little - and suggested that I wrap my hands and feet in plastic bags. I was glad that I had no current bed companion to see or feel my wrapped extremities. My elder daughter, back for Christmas, fell about laughing at the sight of my nocturnal plastications. Sometimes I kept my feet wrapped and anointed during the day as well as at night, concealed with socks and trousers, and hoped that no one would see the bulging at my ankles or hear the occasional susurrations of the plastic. By mid-December, when I went to give a lecture in Swit-

zerland, I had become a steroid junkie.
I was embarrassed, in a nice Swiss hotelroom, to find no way of dressing and imdressing without scattering heaps of dead skin on the carpet. In the new year, I tried to cut down on the steroids. My feet were ever so slightly better, my hands a lot worse, but there was no doubt that all four extremities were madly and painfully exfo-liating all the time. Night after night, in a warm bath, I would try to rub them clear of dead skin flaps, hoping they would be nice and soft the next day, but new flaps and cracks appeared in no time. Finally,

in March, I saw the dermaologist, and hand and foot psoriasis was liagnosed—a condition rare enough to be unfamiliar to many GPs, but common elough for the Oxfordshire Health Authorit to have invested in ultraviolet light does for treatment of the condition. Duringine summer of 1997. I had a 12-week series of sessions with ultraviolet light and the treatment, combined with a continual applying of moisturising and emolliest created brought my feet, at least, to a letter condition than they had been in folyears.

The connection between mind, consciousness and body is notifically intimate and inscrutable. In Fet of Clay (1996), Anthony Storr traces a recurring pattern of events in which ar individual who has undergone severe illness or depression emerges from it connect that he can now impart spiritual insight and detailed guidance to mankind in how life should be lived. Many celebrated "gurus" such as Cf Infating hand and Counties. snould be lived. Many chebraed gurus' such as Sf Ignatius, Jung and Gurdjieff have undergone such mind-clanging illnesses, and have persuaded arge numbers of followers of the universal value of the insights they gained during them.

n my case, the pattern of vents has been reversed: I have been led to ra-tionalism rather than misticism. I am less certain than ever hat I have am less certain than ever pat i have any belief of my own, let alone anything of value to impart to others. Rathe than life ing, like St Paul, that "I know hat I bear in my own body the marks of the Lord Jesus". I now meditate with sympathy but considerable cynicism on the Igonising lives of such celebrated stigmaics as St. Paul or Patre Pio. Spending long periods in dark cells meditating on one own sin and unworthiness in the sight of the Almighty must be the perfect recipelor exacerbating psoriasis, a stress-related disorder of the immune system that is agravated by lack of sunlight. Another sie where
psoriatic patches can break out padly is round the midriff, leading to "noe in the side" wounds. For a short time in October 1996, I had this symptom, too.

Until 1997 I was a regular churchgoer. Despite a strong inclination towards panthesism, I felt myself to be sustailed and nourished at some deep level by Christian ritual and worship. Since more orless ricovering from psoriasis. I find that whatever frail thread it was that connected me with institutional religion has supped. As an Anglican I had never been required to take such saintly miracles as the sigmata particularly seriously. Still, the close parallels between this form of pstriasis and Christ's wounds might have ledme to deeper faith, in practice, I find that my healed and anointed feet no longer carry me into places of worship.

This is an edited version of an erticle that first appeared in The London Review

I am not mad, touch wood

perfectly intelligent woman, the family breadwinner and mother of two small children. Every time she gets into her car she has to touch wood, inside her head at least, to ensure a safe journey. "It is a particular piece of wood, in a particular place, on a certain Welsh mountainside," the media professional

"I have not only to touch it, mentally, but get the feel of the wood under my fingertips right. Sometimes this involves going over it several times. If I have a passenger I can't talk to ly, they just think I'm a bit distracted. Other times the kids ask 'When are we going to move. Mum?" I can hardly tell them their mother is a complete nutter who's busy touchwe don't have an accident."

Jenny Charles, a solicitor, pats doors three times - just under the handle, with her which can be a bit of a trial when there are clients in the room. "I stand so I'm hiding the door while I do it and just hope they don't notice," she

olly Passmore is a perfectly intelligent Obsessive behaviour is often just a means of relieving stress, as Miranda Ingram discovers



tried not doing it but I can't concentrate on my work, or what they are saying, and have to make an excuse to go in and out of the door again

and do it properly." Nadine Wild also pats, but it is drawers for her. "Even when they are obviously closed. I have to pat them until they feel closed," she says. "It's completely grazy."

Wild, an academic at the top of her profession, also has to

step over joins in the carpet, with the correct foot forward, or go back and do it again if she doesn't get it right. Now

> definitely getting worse as I'm getting older," Wild says.
> "Now I have to put a hand on each tap and twist until they turn off fully in symmetry. And I have to turn locks in doors numerous times until the click feels right. It drives my husband crazy. He says it's

spooky having this apparently intelligent woman endlessly clicking all the locks at night."

In all cases, the women she has started on taps. "It's agree that while the obsessions are irritating, they dare not fail to do them: doom will surely follow if the ritual is not observed. "It drives me mad that

> Wild cannot risk abandoning the lock ritual, but was horrified recently to catch her four-year-old son patting drawers. "I couldn't bear it when I saw his little hands following the same absurd pattern as mine. I thought 'God, what have I done? I've turned him

I'm doing it," says Passmore,

"but f daren't risk not doing it.

What if we had a crash?"

CF22V, 100"." Crazy or certifiable? Scratch the surface and almost everyone seems to have a private obsession: sipping drinks to the count of three, tapping a boiled egg seven times, lining up pens and pencils in a certain order, or stepping on and off the footpath before crossing. Should we be worried? Is this

the first step into the asylum? "Not at all," says Professor Peter Fonagy, of the department of psychoanalysis at University College London. "Firstly this sort of behaviour, which is extremely widespread and not restricted to women, is quite separate from full-blown compulsive obsessive disorder, which is a very serious illness. It is to do with your personality type, mostly, and to a certain extent with your social inheritance -- background,"

Certainly the women interviewed by The Times recalled watching similar behaviour in their parents -- obsessive tidiness. lining up the sall and pepper - and see it also in their siblings.

all like children." Fonagy says. "It is a state called magical phenomenalism whereby you believe that if you do X then Y will happen, even if you know perfectly well, intellectually, that there is no connection.

Like standing on the platform trying to will the next train to be the Richmond train. You think that if you look at the board in the right way for the right length of time you can make the next train be the right train. Children have this very powerfully and perfectly normally, and most of us, when we are under a lot of stress, revert to childish ways of thinking.
"I had an undergraduate pa-

tient who sincerely believed that he would do OK in his finals as long as be didn't change his underwear in the three weeks running up to the exams, even though he knew perfectly well that the state of his underwear couldn't possibly influence questions set weeks before.

"When we are frightened or nervous we quite often start to believe in trivial things. This sort of behaviour is analogous to superstition, or carrying mascots, for example. Each person has to find their own way of coping - one person might fidget, another develops a phobia and a third feels sick."

f you are the personality type lined up for repeti-tive lock-turning then that is just the way you cope, he says, even if it might not be the most efficient solution. It gets worse when there is an area of your life that you feel you are not fully in control of or coping with. Patting the door gives you the comfort of

being in control of something.
"If you're going through a particularly obsessive patch." Fonagy says, "it is probably a message to yourself that an area of your life needs sorting out — you're postponing a deci-sion, your elderly mother is getting you down, you've got problems at work. Stop worrying about the obsession itself and look at the rest of your life."

He says that indulging in secret door-patting or tap-turning rituals does not mean you are either more, or less, likely than anyone else to develop a serious clinical disorder. "In fact." Fonagy concludes. "people who behave like this are usually pretty sound people -good at their work, reliable and conscientious."

When a nosebleed * becomes a danger

KING'S LYNN in Norfolk was Royalist in the Civil War. and the local people seem never to have lost this tendency. They delight in welcoming the Royal Family when they are installed at Sandringham and have a particular affection for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, dating from when King George VI was alive and the Royal Family spent so much time there

It is a pity, therefore, that her new year visits seem to co-incide with the occasional medical emergency. This time last year, the Queen Mother fractured her femur while visiting the stables; this year she has had a severe noschleed, which needed attention at the local NHS hospital. A nosebleed, or epistaxis

as we doctors call it to use Private Eye's phraseology), does not sound very sinister and is not in the same league as the repair of a fractured femur. However, a nosebleed, particularly in an older per son, can be a true medical emergency. Stopping it may require the presence of an experienced ear, nose and throat surgeon and also, on occasion, a skilled radiologist to find the bleeding point.

Most nosebleeds, such as

those suffered by young chil-dren through the biffs and bangs of playground life or too much exploration with their fingers (known medically as epistaxis digitorum), are easy to stop. The sufferer should sit upright with the head inclined slightly forward, and grasp the nose between finger and thumb at the iunction of the soft and hard parts. Squeezing the nose at this point compresses Kiesselbach's plexus of blood vessels... which are situated in Little's area (Kiesselbach and Little were 19th-century surgeons). The pressure should be maintained for at least ten minutes. When it is released, in most cases bleeding will have

stopped. If this first-aid measure does not work, the anterior portion of the nose may have to be packed with gauze. This presents no great problem. In my youth, one inch gauze rilobon saturated with BIPP (hismuth, lodoform and paraffin pastel - devised by Lord Lister and later used in the First World War for packing

wounds - could be left in posi- by age and the blood ressure tion for hours or even days without becoming unpleas-ant Usually, this stanched the bleeding. More recently, films of an expanding foam, Mero-cel, are inserted into the nose. This absorbs the blood, expands and exerts pressure on any of the bleeding Kiesselbach's vessels. If this is unsuccessful, the bleeding point may be cauterised.

Malcolm Keene, a consult-ant ear, nose and throat surgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital says that the method of treating moschleeds is de-termined by their severity.

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Most can be dealt with by a first aid worker, the next stage up needs a doctor and the worst nosebleeds can pose. quite a problem for the most experienced surgeon. In particular, nosebleeds in older people who have arteriosclerosis - hardening of the arteries

The older the patient, the more likely is the nosebleed to be torrential - and once it is torrential, finding the source of the torrent requires considerable skill. In older patients, too, the blood is likely to come from a long way back in the nose and is often the result of the rupture of a branch of the sphenopalatine artery, particularly if the patient's arteries are hardened and weakened

The elderly, too, fequently take aspirin or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory rugs to counteract arthritic These drugs also make bleeding more profuse. Manyof us like to think that the Quen Mother's remarkable resilence and intellectual sharpnes are a part a result of the reognition of the advantages of alcohol moderation - unortunately, however useful his is in stopping the blood lotting in the coronary arteris, it may also increase a teldency to

Bleeding from the back of the nose from a ruptured branch of the sphelopalatine artery will probablyneed specialist attention. City when people remember he "nose trick" — the spluttring of a drink through the ose when choking or laughig — do they remember the connection between nose aid moust? In the past a gauze pid was in troduced through the mouth and pulled into position at the back of the nose. Nw an ex-pandable balloon, sch as is found on a Foley's etheter, is introduced in the sane way. Once the balloon is in position, it is inflated with air and when the pressure of the balloon is greater than he blood pressure, bleeding from the ar-tery stops. Rarely, a rajor artery needs tying.

Two warnings a pesistent, watery, bloodstaine discharge from one nostil may be an early sign of a resal tumour and needs experimvestigation. Also, patients with rehave a blood count to exclude

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THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 26 1999 Blowing the whistle on the office fraudsters

Most of us will at some time end up stealing from our employers. Jon Ashworth reports on how we have become a nation of petty criminals

hree out of four . employees in Britain steal from their employers, according practics in the workplace. Middlemanagers, often longservers are among the chief culprits since they have the best unlerstanding of how to cheat their company and cover

their tacks.

The University of Notting-ham Bisiness School was commissioned to write a report on workpace fraud by Business Deferie Europe, a consultant on managing fraud risk. It found that fraud tends to be more videspread among middle mmagers, but says most per hare corrupti-

Pau Barnes, the reports author, says: A quarter of all people will al-ways teal, and two in four will steal if .. the drawnstances themselve: We've all got our price."

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British companies, costing billons of pounds a year. It rarges from "petty" fiddling of expenses and personal telephone calls to systematic plun- ing it back as business teledeing of accounts, often over several years. The perpetraicrs are often a company's. most trusted and valued

Faced with the evidence down. Legislation aimel at protecting whistleblowers at work seems certain to sped the process. Employees vho regularly work late and sever take holidays may comeunder suspicion.

The weakening UK econ-omy will hasten the process, because fraudsters find it harder to over their tracks as companis righten procedures. The perpetrators panic and take rigger risks. Weak controls and management indifference have enabled fraud at

Accountants are increasingly being called in to put anti-fraud systems in place. "It is a desperate problem," says. Mark Tantam, head of fraud management services at Deloitte & Touche, "and it will get more desperate as recession bites. People will feel, well, I have no loyalty to my employer because tomorrow

fraud is even greater than the Nottingham report suggests. Twe always felt that all of us have the propensity to commit a fraud if we are under such pressure that fraud was the easiest way out,"

> "It's not like murder. It's something which is a grey area where people feel, if I had nothing, if my children were starving, if my husband was ill. I would take the Companies lose

a small fortune

each year to so-called "petty fraud" phone calls, taking office stationery, fiddling expenses, and even downloading pornography from the Internet in hotel rooms then charg-

phone expenses. The reason this is tolerated is because the costs of controlling it outweigh the benefits. Companies sacrifice about I Faced with the evidence, per cert of their annual sales employers are starting to to petty pattering, which, for a major company, could cost

> More of a concern are the serial fraudsters - individuals who take kickbacks on major contracts or who fiddle the books to meet their perform-

pounds.

David Sherwin, head of fraud investigations at Ernst & Young, says: "Once an employee has won the trust of senior management they

work to flourish since the become almost untouchable recession of the early 1990s. When something comes up, no When something comes up, no one challenges them for fear of upsetting the boat."

One case involved an office manager responsible for pay-ing freelance contributors. He arranged for the money to be paid electronically to his own bank account each month, If anyone rang up, he would say there had been a mistake and send them a cheque drawn on a company account. This went on for ten years and was only uncovered when he died. He had siphoned off more than £100,000. It should have been obvious: he had three children at private school and regularly bought new cars — all on a salary of £20,000.

People resort to fraud to fund addictions - drugs, alcohol and gambling - or to pay. for a lavish lifestyle

Alex Playsic, a fraud investi-gation partner with KPMG, says: There are triggers that make people commit fraud. They run into personal problems — they run out of cash, get divorced, their house burns down. Often, the people we interview are suicidal. Many have breakdowns."

Tantam Whole lives are destroyed by it. Families break up. What's so sad is that it is either because of a personal problem - drinking or gambling - or because they want to compensate for some change they or their family are going through. "If challenged they say that

it's a rich wife or husband, or an insurance policy maturing. Tell-tale signs include not havas much as £70 million a year. ing a holiday, not allowing .The collective cost to British anyone to interfere with their companies is billions of work, an autocratic regime, erratic time-keeping, excessive phone calls, lots of entertainment. These signs can be completely bogus, but we always find that, in all investigations, the people around the fraudster knew what was going on. They can see the change in behaviour."

many off. Inform on a manag er who survives and life may

become miserable. The Public

Interest Disclosure Act 1998,

dubbed the "whistle-blower's

charter", aims to encourage

people to speak out without fear. Only about 10 per cent of

British companies have em-

Playsic says: "Of the investi-gations I've done in the past seven years, about 60-70 per

cent of fraud cases have been

committed by employees and

about the same proportion

have been reported by other employees. You need to be

wary of your employees, but you also need to treat them appropriately because they are your eyes and ears."

Often the evidence is there

for all to see. Emma Codd, head of business intelligence

services at Deloitte & Touche. says: "We had one finance

director, a woman with one O

level, who was obviously liv-

ing beyond her means - a Fer-

rari, expensive holidays.

When you do an employee-

screening, you should carry out a lifestyle check — is some-one flashing money around, or in financial problems, no

finance on the car? There is so

much you can see from doing

ing the delete key will erase evidence. Your computer or lap-

top is often the prize trophy in

any fraud investigation. Tech-

no-sleuths can recreate the last ten changes made on a computer and retrieve incriminating

fragments from the hard

drive. Investigators typically

come in pretending to be IT technicians and take a copy of

the computer's hard disk. Letters, e-mails and records of

print outs can be matched to

Accountants and the police have sophisticated tools at

their disposal. EYTracer,

developed by Ernst & Young. uses a computerised cash-trac-

ing model to sift through huge

numbers of transactions. In

one case, a company suspected

that it was being defrauded, but did not know where to

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the search had been narrowed

down to one account. By the

end of the week, they had cracked the fraud. An employee had set up a bogus supplier.

paying out cheques, assuming that no one would notice.

fax and telephone logs.

Then it comes to computers, think again if you be-lieve that push-

standard record checks."

ployee hotlines.

Most frauds are uncovered because someone speaks out. but fear or recrimination puts



TELL-TALE SIGNS

Time and again, employers fail to spot the danger signs that fraudsters are at work in an organisation. Here are ten of the most common:

 Never taking a holiday. Working excessive hours. Working at weekends. Fraudsters need to be around to cover their tracks.

 Extravagant lifestyle. Expensive new car, children educated at private school, large house. These are usually explained away as repulsed. newly inherited wealth.

Financial problems. An expensive divorce, medical bills for an ill relative, gambling debts, paying for a mistress.

 Repeatedly passed over for promotion. Resentment often fuels fraudulent

 Always managing to produce good results when others in a similar position are struggling to meet their targets.

 Flouting rules and regulations. A person myolved in fraud will often take action on his own, or will direct a subordinate to bend or break the rules.

 Regularly receiving generous gifts or hospitality from a supplier. This suggests that "kickbacks" might be being paid in return for favouring a particular source of

 Attracting complaints from colleagues or customers. This often hints at wider wrongdoing.

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More than simply black and white

Michael Gove on the Lawrence

inquiry and a new McCarthyism

hen it was pub-lished, Tom Wolfe's Bonfire of the Vanities was an impressionistic landscape of America. It may now have become a mirror of Britain. The New York author illuminated a city in neurosis, with race distorting reason. I fear that we may be succumbing to the same neurosis.

Later this week the Home Secretary will receive the report of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry. Jack Straw's response will be made in charged circumstances. There is a widespread desire to see a conclusion reached which will satisfy Stephen Lawrence's parents. But the terms on which the inquiry has been conducted give rise to legitimate doubts that the right lessons will be learnt.

It is impossible to consider the murder of Stephen without feeling both admiration and anger. The dignified bearing of Neville and Doreen Lawrence, their quiet persistence in the pursuit of justice and their determination that some good should spring from unspeakable evil, are qualities that compel admiration. The knowledge that Stephen's mur-derers are still abroad quickens the blood to anger. That anger is only swelled by the catalogue of errors which

marred the investigation.
It is not easy, therefore, to question whether justice, which has been denied the Lawrences. has been best served

by the inquiry for which they campaigned. Just as questioning the wisdom of handgun legislation after the Dunkillings insensitivity, so rais-ing questions about this inquiry may

seemed an act of seem to demean the Lawrences' grief. That is not my inten-

done. But the inquiry has too much of the whiff of Salem to leave the unbiased anything

but uneasy. Even before proceedings began the witchfinder's finger was flexing. On the eve of the inquiry. The Observer ran a story alleging that the chairman, Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, was "insensi-tive" to racial issues. The accusations were diplomatically dealt with, but a sour note

had been struck. On one level, Sir William had been put on warning that his conduct would be scrutinised by an audience suspi-cious of his hidden prejudices. Indeed, during the inquiry he halted questioning of Mrs Lawrence intended to explore

her attitudes to the police. On a deeper level, the manner in which the inquiry would be viewed was skewed. A proper emphasis on judicial impartiality had been overlaid by ideological considerations. It is a practice, sadly, commonplace in America, where the judicial process has become dangerously politicised. The shade of the courthouse where OJ. Simpson was tried now

hung over the proceedings. The inquiry itself also recalled another unhappy epi-sode in American justice. The lawyers for the Lawrences seemed, at moments, to have served their apprenticeship under Joseph McCarthy, Just as the senator brought a blunderbuss to his hearings, so the Lawrences' lawyers, led by Michael Mansfield, QC, deployed the charge of racism with indiscriminate zeal.

The shabby treatment of one individual stands out. The first policeman on the scene after Stephen was attacked was an off-duty officer, who was returning from a church meeting. He did not know that Stephen had been stabbed, indeed, Stephen's friend Duwayne Brooks believed that the assailants had used an iron bar. The officer did not seek to move Stephen, recognising that he lay in the recovery position. Only when an ambulance ar-

rived was the extent of Stephen's bleeding apparent. This officer, whose church was racially mixed and whose Christian fellow-feeling for all races had never been doubted before, was accused of standing idly by because he did not wish "to get his hands dirty with black blood". His conduct was questioned by the Lawrence team. And yet this same officer had draped his car blanker over Stephen and recovered it, after the ambulance arrived. Was that the action of a man who scorned to touch black blood? How can genuine evils be properly addressed when Good Samaritans are treated like this?

And how can racism be properly tackled when the accusation is flung not just at individuals, but at an institution? When the

Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Sir Paul Condon. attended the inquiry he was asked, repeatedly, to concede that his force was "institutionally racist". Sir Paul has never tried to deny there is racism in his force, indeed he pledged to deal

with the problem on taking office. There is room for legitimate he has dealt with the question. But that debate is disfigured by the insistence that Sir Paul concedes the principle of collec-tive guilt, instead of rooting

out individual wickedness. Some institutions are explic itly racist - from the Dutch Reform Church to the British National Party. But what does the term mean when applied to the Metropolitan Police? Is the bobby's helmet the mod-ern equivalent of a Klaris-

man's hood? Do those who talk of institutional racism not realise that they are falling into the same error as racists, making sweep ing assumptions about groups instead of forming reasoned judgments about individuals? Is it not better to forge a sense of common purpose in the fight against prejudice, rather than seeking to divide society

from its protectors?

Mr Mansfield and the Lawrences' solicitor, Imran Khan, are both radical socialists. It would be tempting to conclude that their approach to the inquiry springs from their commitment to ideology rather than the truth, distaste for the police rather than love of justice. But that would be to fall into the same trap as them, to tar with the broad brush rather than bring the searchlight properly to bear.

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A man of true Resolution

hen a retired top-brass Service chief dies in his late seventies, full of honours, the obvious and decorous things are done. Obituaries recall his distinctions in war and peace; and in a last paragraph the retirement years are mentioned: trustee of this and that, expert on whatever. Decent, passion-less tributes are paid and another

public life is over. I have been staring all morning at just such obituaries, sober mile-stones at the point where a finished life fades tidily into history. And somehow they will not do. For Admiral Lord Lewin — Terry Lewin has died; and though he was pushing 80, and I had known him for barely five years, the sense of outraged loss will not fade. "Terry being ill and dying," said a far younger friend indignantly, "is just so bloody out of character."

There must be an unsuspected number of people who feel the same. Because of this, and because one of Lewin's last projects is nearing fruition at Greenwich, indulge me for a few minutes while I try to convey this vivid man, and why his departure feels as if a firework display had prematurely ended.

The obituaries tell the naval story: of the 18-year-old thrown straight into war as a midshipman in the Mediterranean, the young lieutenant mentioned in dispatches and awarded the DSC. He served in Arctic and Malta convoys and Channel actions before D-Day. In command after the war, he modernised the rum ration into beer, and navigated a changing, shrinking the Navy with the rare distinction of making no enemies. His role as Chief of Defence Staff in the Thatcher War Cabinet is historic even Falklands sceptics such as me admire the steadiness and professionalism with which he master-

minded that all-but-impossible war. But never mind all that stuff. He did not bore on about it, remarking only that being First Sea Lord was the "dullest job in the Navy". All ranks, speaking of him, tend to agree that there was never a harrumph or a tantrum in the man. however senior or stressed. "He was never angry', says Rear-Admiral Richard Hill, his biographer and sometime subordinate. "He never raised his voice. His technique was to make you feel that you never

wanted to let him down." His last ship, as it were, was the National Maritime Museum, where Amid the official tributes, personal memories Royal Naval College meant a great deal to him, and some of his last of a remarkable Admiral of the Fleet

he was chairman for eight years to 1995. There, as a recent trustee, I first met him, and last saw him in the autumn in a hard hat, clambering round the construction site of the new Neptune Court. This is the £20 million development which he initiated, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (whose functionaries, like many former ministers and civil servants, still flinch, at the memory of the fusillade of Lewin faxes which greeted any obstruction). This week, from the director's office to the front desk, the museum mourns him with an almost shocking

He through like the row over the Titanic exhibition, in which he calmly thought his position through and then stood firm and tranquil in the face of ill-informed ranting. He steered towards a new century with a style which combined a taste for innovation with a conviction that maritime history is vital to British identity. At 70 years

sincerity.

old, he pushed things forward like a man half his age. Richard Ormond, the director, says: "He had a wonderfully clear sense of history; it was in his bloodstream and he felt that, without historical resonance, you lack a dimension. He would stride into the museum and say: 'Do you know what happened 150 years ago today? He was passionate about the bookshop and getting people to read. But he also knew that history has to be presented anew to each genera-

He was entirely at home not only with Nelson and Cook and his own 20th Century Seapower gallery, but with the more controversial plans of the renewed museum which, enragingly, he now will not see the Greenpeace pod. the ecology and sea science, the modern sculptures and the challenging acknowledge ment of slavery and the Opium

Ormand and his deputy. Roger Knight, mourning yesterday, spoke of the way that the septuagenarian former First Sea Lord became a museum professional. "He led from the front, very firm, very fluent, with immense and humane understanding. When we were wrestling with the Titanic issue someone said You are a man of great certainty, aren't you? and he said Thank you.

I think I am'." Reading back, I still have not captured the vividness. I first met him at the opening of the Cook

> Cook "Right!" saidthe chairman, in tones I can hear now; and led me round, talking, followed by a trail of eavesdroppers. It was one of the best half-hours I

ever had. Today, as I read his catalogue: preface about that other humane and visionary seafarer. James Cook, the excitement kicks back to the surface, and the words Endeavour and Resolution take on a meaning

far beyond the names of Cook's ships. They resonate, as he intended them to, through all human history and on into the future. Nor shall I forget hearing him at the Seawords hier-ary festival reading a passage from Cook's log. He closed the book at the end of a narrow escape on the perilous Southern terra incognita. grinned, glanced around the riveted audience and added a long, delight-

In his own travels he visited every point Cook touched 200 years ago; in Dusky Bay, New Zealand, he found the remains of the two trees

Endeavour tied up to.

There is a portrait of him by John
Wonnacott, finished a few months

ago. Go and see it some time: it is an epic canvas, 11ft tall, showing the admiral glancing up at the ceiling of the Painted Hall at Greenwich where Nelson lay in state. Wren's

energies were spent firing off more faxes to newspapers and journalists, in the battle against the drooling, obtuseness of governments which cannot grasp what a treasure it is. and what use it could have been put to in the service of wider understand ing of our maritime and naval-

Even so, it was the devil of a job for the painter and the trustees to persuade Admiral Lord Lewin to pose in uniform. The left the Navy now," he would protest, turning up yet again in a lounge suit. Eventual. ly he agreed, but even then, says the painter, he brought the wrong tie. I spoke to John Wonnacott yesterday,

Exhibition, and and from his brief but intense lightly said that I painter's dealings he offered a really knew very lit strong image of refly rewindings the about Captain in the about himself into the painter. thing. While we worked there woulds be a string of what he called Useless-Information. Once we roared up the hill to the Observatory — he moved at a great speed — and he taught me all about the Harrison clocks. I think he loved the museum, in the end, as much as he loved the Navy. He'd done so much, had such enthusiasm for so many things, but in his last few days he took the trouble to ring me about another: commission I'm doing, though he could only manage a few sentences. I've never met any chap like him.

> or have I. When the diagnosis of inoperable cancer was made, early in December and out of the blue, he had been asked to appear in a discussion pro-gramme talking with the Duke of Edinburgh about the new galleries. We did it without him and I sent a tupe to the hospital. A while later, when he had come home to be nursed by his close-knit family, the telephone rang. It was Terry Lewin himself, giving cheerful approval to the programme. We live near by: I asked whether he wanted any audio tapes to pass

the time. "No, far too busy. I've got Richard Hill here all day working on the biography. Tell everyone irs fine, family here, spirits high, hoping for

a miracle!"
Then he said goodbye. Full of endeavour and of resolution, right to the last. I can't believe he's gone.

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Bron?

AUBERON WAUGH ispoised to stroll out of the Literary leview, the magazine he has edited for 13 years. Richard Ingrams, Edity of the Oldie, has offered him a filef and a column. This would enabe Waugh (pichined), our most ope-minded reactionary, to escape the study he shares with his bracing deputy.

Nancy Sladek.

Waugh is troubled by the illness of his close friend Susan Irosland (pictured), widow of the life Cabinet minister, and spend much time visiting her in hospital. Bron declines to confirm the stry, but Ingrams says: I have offeed in thim. We are very keen to at him. One of Bron's crumes is ranker.
"He has had enough of the iterary
Review. He should imposehimself
more but he is too sweet-naured."

If he does go, I fear for the future of Naim Attallah's organ it is bankrolled by such generots souls as Lord Hanson and S Paul Getty, but without Bron the might not find the magazine so alluing.



MPs discussed part-time work in

Brief lives

THE Lord Chancellor bears the stiletto marks of Baroness Kenjedy of the Shaws, my favourine frief twiddler. The baroness marked into Lord Irvine of Lairy's offic to assail him over his Access to Junice Bill (she is disturbed that legalaiders will not be allowed to choise a defence lawyer). Phrases sun, as byalty and vote against were intered Derry has now promise to late.

WORD that Tony Blair looks kindly on Charles Kenned has strained a warm friendship the LibDeni leadership favourité fears that vocal support from his hum. Alastair Campbell, though well-meaning, will have done little to charm independent-minded, lettice munching activists.

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Striking gold

JACK CUNNINGHAM'S patronage could become the gold standard. Since we put him up at the five-star Conrad International in Brussels, it has been made a member of the Leading liotels of the World—a select club presenting 300 sumptions pads ing 300 sumptuous pads.

DIEREMY. IRONS ha found guili. The actor, who has estored a ruin in Co Cork says. Mechantry did terrible things to freund over the past 700 years, one of thich was knocking the top off Kilde Castle. So I am going to try ad put it



right." Jolly good. That should make un for the potato famue.

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JASPER GERARD

Quite simply, the nonsense has gone far enough. Daily, the terror gangs mutilate and torture. Northern Ireland is descending into a moral cesspit deserve censure and isolation.

ed on Northern Ireland. It afflicts those large areas that fall under the control of the "military representatives" of the loyalist and republican parties -Sinn Fein, the Ulster Democratic Party and the Progressive Unionist Party. We would know little of this if it were not for Families Against Intimidation and Terror, an heroic group of human rights activists who have risked their

lives to expose thuggery.
We are led to believe that the TRA. UVF and UDA are observing ceasefires. This is palpable nonsense and everyone in Northern Ireland, outside the Cinderella-land that is the Northern ireland Office, knows it.

Punishment beatings - a euphemism for mutilation, torture and intimidation - have increased dramatically in recent months as these organisations

new reign of terror and intimidation has descendthe communities they purport to represent. No one in the Northern Ireland Office. least of all the Secretary of State, Mo Mowlam. seems much concerned. The attitude seems to be: while terrorism is confined to the

ghettos, why worty? The sheer absence of morality. the knee-bending to appeasement and a view that to say nothing and do nothing will somehow ensure the survival of the Good Friday agreement -- is repugnant. Furthermore, it will fatally undermine the peace process.

Gerry Adams, David Ervine and Gary McMichael must be told by the Prime Minister (not the Secretary of State, whom they regard as full of hot air) that one more act of violence by the organisations they represent will bring prisoner releases to a halt and see them expelled from the

Sean O'Callaghan

process until they accept and implement the Mitchell princinies of non-violence. Ouite simply, the nonsense

has gone far enough. Daily, the terror gangs mutilate and tor-ture. Families are forced into exile, racketeering, criminality and drug-dealing are wide-spread. Northern Ireland is descending into a moral cesspit. Is this what the Good Friday agreement brought us? Is this what we voted for with such hope

in our hearts? If the Government does not use the sanctions at its disposal. the terrorists will behave as they please. Indeed, the peace process is fast becoming the gangster DITOCESS.

There is another reason for increasing violence. Even as ed—to be replaced by a force. Sinn Fein and loyalist fringe acceptable to the IRA. In its

parties pay lip-service to the condemnation of "punishment beatings" they also use ugly euphemisms to argue that that a rough form of community justice" will unfortunately continue until the "policing vacuum" in Northern Ireland has been filled. The beatings are intended to cow the State into neutering the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The tRA-Sinn Fein leadership in particular is orchestrating intimidation in nationalist areas as part of a strategy to influence the Patten Commission's report into the future of the RUC.

he objective is clear, IRA-Sinn Fein says that the RUC is an unacceptable police force and must be disband-

perverted logic, the beatings are a proof of the so-called "policing acuum". Clearly, the republican leadership — and that includes Adams and Martin McGuinness - are determined to destroy the RUC. If they are allowed to get away with it, goodbye to the peace process.

Fears for the future of the RUC, the failure of the IRA to decommission, the release of terrorist prisoners - all of these sicken the ordinary people who voted for the Good Friday agreement. As First Minister designate of the Northern Ireland Assembly, David Trimble will be politically and morally correct in current circumstances to refuse the IRA entry into an executive designed to govern Northern Ireland. The terrorist leaders are. after all, ignoring their obligations under the peace agreement. It is they who are behaving

Is it really beyond the power of Government to bring the terrorist gangs to heel? There is a mean spiritedness in the corridors of power and its name is cowardice. If the present situation is allowed to continue, and if Mr. Trimble is forced to accept IRA-Sinn Fein into an executive without decommissioning, the agreement will collapse. IRA/ Sinn Fein might well bring down the agreement itself anyway if it is pressured to begin decommissioning - but at least the steach of moral corruption that sur-

rounds the process will then have

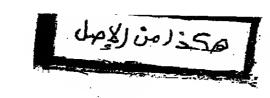
been dissipated. Blair and Ahern

must face them down, otherwise

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all is lost.





CHRISTIANS IN PERIL

Burnings, murder and the new intolerance of Asia

Mahatma Gandhi expected the India of his dreams "to be wholly tolerant, with its religions working side by side with one another. For India's Christians, those expectations have been brutally betrayed since last March, when the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) formed a new Indian Government. The mob murder in Orissa at the weekend of the Anstralian evangelical missionary Graham Staines, incinerated in his car with his two young sons by Hindu extremists, brought to 109 the recorded acts of violence against Christians in ten months. That compares with 50 in the entire half-century since independence.

Attempts to invoke Gandhi's spirit of tolerance by India's Christian leaders, who last month led tens of thousands in a day of protest at the Jamuna River where Gandhi was cremated, have been pathetically ineffective against an orchestrated campaign by extremists affiliated to the BJP. In Gujarat, Christian appeals for official protection after dozens of assaults were answered by a renewed Christmas outbreak of church-burnings, forced "purification ceremonies", attacks on priests and nuns and the stoning of schools. Yesterday, even as India's leaders condemned the Staines murder and thousands flocked to the funeral, five other Christian missionaries were viciously beaten in Allahabad in an attack applauded by the Bajrang Dal.

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the militants behind the Staines murder. India's Christians are not alone in experiencing a great upsurge of intolerance and violence. In China and Vietnam, persecution is ideologically driven; but from Pakistan to Nepal and Indonesia. Asian Christians are under assault as they have not been in living memory. What is puzzling is why they should be singled out.

These are minority communities so tiny that they cannot by definition pose any threat to national cohesion or majority beliefs. India's 23 million are only 2.6 per cent of the population. In Pakistan, where justice for Christians is now virtually late his words of pain into effective action.

non-existent and police have deliberately exposed Christians to danger in some areas by ordering them to identify their houses with crosses, much as Nazi Germany instituted the yellow star for Jews, they number only three million, mostly desperately poor. In Indonesia, where the situation is more complex because many are also Chinese, Christians have more protection; the military has, in most cases, made-serious efforts to quell Muslim-Christian riots like those which have just gutted the eastern town of Ambon. But in India, the Government stands accused, by moderate Hindus as well as Christians, of appeasing, if not covertly abetting, crimes committed by its own supporters.

History associates religious persecutions with weak leaders - Mary Tudor in England, Nicholas III in Russia - or with periods of national unease and self-doubt, as with the expulsion of Muslims and Jews from Spain. Asia's economic disasters have made the vulnerable more exposed. But India has been relatively lightly touched by the Asian disease; there, the problem is a governing party that rose to power by cultivating a religious militancy whose destructiveness it is unable or unwilling to control. This is not a resurgence of anti-colonialism, despite the Hindu demands to expel all foreign missionaries: Christians have existed in India since AD52. It has more to do with caste: 60 per cent of Christians are Untouchables, and a further 15 to 20 per cent- are Adivasis, remnants of India's downtrodden aboriginal tribes. Most of all, Christians are vulnerable precisely because they are so few; having discovered that attacking Muslims loses the BJP votes, Hindu activists have picked an easier target for their broader message of religious intolerance. The Prime Minister, Ahal Bihari Vajpayee, has told Christians: "I share your agony." The Staines murders will put his Government under pressure to trans-

SAMARANCH MUST GO

His exit is the only way forward for the Olympics

shameful moment in more than a century of idealism and record-breaking achievement. Yet Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee, refuses to resign. Shrugging off responsibility for the latest corruption. confidence at an extaordinary IOC meeting next month. His move is a cynical attempt to save his career while sacrificing the six members most implicated in the corrupt awarding of the Summer and Winter Games to the winning cities. The affair, however, is far from over, and goes beyond squalid bribery. It has exposed the jealousies, power struggles and abuses of authority that lead directly to Señor Samaranch himself. Until he goes, the Olympic movement will remain blighted.

The former Spanish diplomat has never made a secret of his ambition. As Spanish Ambassador to Brezhnev's Soviet Union, he was accused of cosying up to the Russians as they were desperately trying to stop the post-Afghanistan boycott of the Moscow Olympics. Señor Samaranch spoke out strongly against the boycott; by coincidence, Moscow was one of the strongest proponents of his subsequent nomination as IOC President.

He promised, at the time, to be a clean broom to sweep out the age and dust that had settled in the IOC corridors. There were pointed reminders that Avery Brundage, the venerable former President, had been well over 80 when he retired in 1972. and had blighted his tenure with a reputation for autocratic behaviour. By

The Olympic Games are facing their most ranch will be 81; and the stories of his vanity, arrogance and regal lifestyle make Mr Brundage seem a model of saintly hamility by comparison.

Of all organisations, the Olympics, founded to promote moral as well as . physical excellence, should be sensitive to ideals of youth, brotherhood and international goodwill. But though these chehes are forever on the lips of Señor Samaranch and his cronies, there is little room for youth and less for goodwill, in their determination to remain in power.

Señor Samaranch has now headed the IOC for 18 years. The committee members are virtually his appointees. With the expansion of his power base into the Third World, he brought in members for whom the culture of mutual favours was both tempting and acceptable. They owed their position to him: he owed his power to their votes. The most notorious of the members now facing expulsion. Jean-Claude Ganga from the Congo, has been accused of making £30,000 from a land deal set up by Salt Lake City. It was he who led the move in the IOC to extend the President's tenure so that Señor Samaranch, hungry for a Nobel Peace Prize, could remain in office beyond the age set for retirement.

Señor Samaranch now claims, with breathtaking disingenuity, that he knew nothing of corruption and is a victim of his underlings. If so, he should be dismissed for incompetence. If he knew but turned a blind eye, he should be sacked for dishonesty. Under his presidency, the movement has lost direction, vitality and now credibility. If the Olympics are to be 2001, when his term ends, Senor Sama- saved, he should resign forthwith.

YOUNG EINSTEINS

The Times and the Royal Institution put youth on a pedestal

The scientific life presents a paradox. While the greatest discoveries are almost invariably made by the young, the world's academies are occupied by the old. Professors in their sixties preside over departments in which the creative work is done by research students in their twenties, with no tenure and no guarantee of continued employment. When they publish papers, their names often appear below those of their supervisors. Recognition comes creeping slow, too slow for many who leave the profession in despair.

Of course, nobody ever pretended that becoming a scientist was an easy option. It takes years to build a reputation, so that by the time it is achieved the most productive years are past. Scientists win prizes not for work they did last year, but a decade or more ago. The prizes which Alfred Nobel intended to recognise the finest achievements of that year are usually given to old men, and less often women, for discoveries made when they were young. The weight of hierarchy hangs heavy over the whole

Tomorrow evening at the Royal Instituenterprise. tion in London, the first in a series of lectures by young scientists is to be given by an Oxford chemist, Martin Westwell, on antibiotic resistance. The Times is backing the lecture series, the idea of Professor Susan Greenfield, the new and energetic may never know what we have missed.

director of the Royal Institution. Her intentions are twofold. First, she hopes in a small way to challenge the hierarchy of science by giving an opportunity to young scientists - those under 40 - to lecture in the theatre made famous by Humphry Davy and Michael Faraday. Secondly, she proposes to award the best lecturer at the end of the year with a prize for scientific communication, a skill seldom rewarded in the normal order of things but increasingly recognised as vitally impor-

She does not pretend that the lectures are more than a gesture towards redressing the balance in science. More needs to be done to improve the career structure of young scientists, and make them less subject to the weight of authority exerted by those who run departments. If a young patent examiner called Albert Einstein had needed a grant to pursue his researches in relativity, he would never have got one; nor would Charles Darwin have been allowed to set foot on HMS Beagle if he had known, and declared, that his experience there would unseat the Creator. Great science is subversive, bold, and risky - the very qualities of youth. Too much of today's science, by contrast, is conservative and pedestrian, dominated by committees and rules which inhibit true creativity. And we

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Blair must halt Ulster 'mob rule'

From Mr A. D. D. Kent

Sir. You are to be congratulated in drawing attention to the continuing violence in Northern Ireland (reports from Martin Fletcher, January II, 14. 20, 22 and 25).

If, during the first week of January. five Home Counties men had been shot by hooded thugs and a further dozen attacked since, not to mention the hundreds maimed during the last year, the matter would have had top priority, with calls from the media and MPs for immediate action.

Our Government, comfortably en-

sconced far away from this sickening daily round of injury and exile, must take action and give full support to those within the communities who wish it to stop, but are reluctant to speak out.

For a start, the Prime Minister might go on Ulster TV to explain how others feel: that such barbarous, unjustified behaviour sickens any civilised person; that these are not the actions of strong men but of weak. cowardly, inferior individuals; and, most important, that we expect the senior officials of all groupings to stamp it out now.

This psychopathic criminal behaviour is perilously close to mob rule.

A. D. KENT, Long Mynd, Upper Station Road, Hentield, West Sussex BN5 9PH. January 25.

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir, The news that Adam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister, is to meet "relatives of an IRA unit killed by the SAS while attacking a Co Armagh police station" (report, January 22) provides yet more evidence of the nature of the "peace process". Daily, more and more criminals —

murderers, bombers, arsonists, thugs - are released on to the streets; daily more punishment beatings are being reported. Yet the IRA, which has already broken one ceasefire, insists that it will decommission no weapons and warns us that the present ceasefire is also in danger of being broken,

The Government's response has been to appease it even further. The Prime Minister's promises, made (cynically? dishonestly?) before the Northern Irish referendum, have been carefully mothballed while Mo Mowlam has recently been reduced to

The reasons are clear. Peace in Northern Ireland was brought about when it suited the IRA to get its most rafuable terrorists out of prison. Now that that process is well under way, it can wait for more concessions or return to violence.

The question is whether the Government, having been duped once, will allow itself to be duped again. Or does it really believe that cross-border institutions for fisheries and tourism are what the IRA went to war to achieve?

Yours sincerely, ALAN SKED. Flat 3, Aberdeen Court, 68 Aberdeen Park, Highbury, N5 2BH. January 22

Sierra Leone conflict

From Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer (retd)

Sir, I read with interest Sam Kiley's article today, "Send in the mercen-aries, Mr Cook".

Sandline has always maintained its willingness to act in support of President Kabbah and Ecomog. If democracy is to survive in Sierra Leone the time has come to stop pretending that there is any way to negotiate a permanent peaceful settlement with the RUF (Revolutionary United Front). We must take the gloves off, defeat them in the field and shut off

their external support.

This is the third time that the RUF has virtually taken over Sierra Leone. The international community must wake up to the threat; surely it is now time for First World governments to engage private military companies which, in the absence of military support from the West, are prepared to demonstrate the pragmatic applica-

tion of an ethical foreign policy? A vicious organisation like the RUF, which arrogantly commits un-speakable atrocities against its fellow countrymen and treats the international community with contempt, deserves to be destroyed, not given the benefit of a negotiated settlement.

TIM SPICER. Sandline International, 535 Kings Road, SW10 0SZ. January 22.

The wrong signal From Mr Brian Walker

Sir, Sign seen recently in a Leeds mobile phone shop: "100 minutes free calls - only £25."

Yours faithfully. BRIAN WALKER. 23 Stanon Road. Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9JE. brian walker@kpmg.co.uk January 19.

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Corruption on an Olympian scale

From Mr George Moody-Stuart

Sir, The Olympic scandal (reports, January 23 and 25) may cause many people to question at what point a gift becomes a bribe.

For many years the standard definition of corruption has been one coined by J. J. Senturia for the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, published in 1931: "The misuse of public power for private profit." This. however, is relevant to the receiver rather than to the payer.

In the latter case. Professor Wesley Cragg, writing in a recent issue of the International Journal (Canadian Institute of Public Affairs), has offered: "Any attempt to persuade someone in a position of responsibility to make a decision or recommendation on any grounds other than the intrinsic merits of the case."

In the United States it is a crime under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (1977) to bribe a public official from another country; and presumably the Justice Department will now be looking closely at Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics and perhaps Atlanta's earlier success also. The OECD's Convention on Com-

bating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials, which will have a similar effect in participant countries includ-ing the UK, does not come into force until February 15, 1999.

Meanwhile the President of the Australian Olympic Association is quoted (The Sunday Times, January 24) as saying, in relation to large cash payments made to the Kenyan and Ugandan Olympic Committees, "My view was that it might encourage them to consider their votes for

Sydney." If that is not corruption, what is?

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MOODY-STUART

(Chairman). Transparency International (UK), St Nicholas House, St Nicholas Road, Sutton, Surrey SMI IEL. January 25.

From the Chairman of The Olympians

Sir, Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch may plead ignorance of the corrup-tion within his International Olympic Committee, but he cannot walk away from the fact that he personally set the parameters for Olympic profligacy.

We are told that he expects a stretch limousine for even the shortest of journevs, that he will seldom use public transport but expects private helicopters, aircraft and even trains to be available for him to reach the best suite in the finest hotel in any city that

is hosting his visit. This grandiose lifestyle has inevitably sent strong messages to his colleagues and minions within the IOC, many of whom have come to regard the Olympic Movement as a

gravy-train and act accordingly.
What we need now is an IOC President who exhibits a more humble and restrained approach to the development of the Olympic ethos.

Yours faithfully. JOHN DISLEY. Chairman, The Olympians, Hampton House, Upper Sunbury Road, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2DW. January 25.

something new. The principle of con-

tinuing aviation at Bentwaters has

been well established since 1993 by

government-appointed inspectors, the

county council and the district coun-

cil, partly in recognition of the fact that Suffolk is now the only English

county without a commercial airport.

Sir, It's been a long while since I have read such an OTT and self-important

squawk of pointless panic as from the "names" at Aldeburgh. They should

be ashamed of themselves for associat-

All that is required is for what little

traffic there's ever likely to be from

Bentwaters to avoid Snape. Even Joan

Sutherland at full throttle couldn't be

Yours faithfully, YANN BORGSTEDT

Anglia International Airpark,

Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2RJ.

From Mr Lewis Benjamin

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heard from three miles away.

17 Brown Court, Westfields,

Ashby de la Zouch LE65 21.Z.

Deaf ex-servicemen

Sir, As an ENT consultant I am fre-

quently asked to give an opinion as to whether a person's deafness is the

result of noise exposure at work. Dur-

ing the consultation it often emerges

that this person had been exposed to

In order to ascertain which of these

exposures is the cause of the present

deafness (letters, January 18) it would

be very helpful if I could see an audio-

gram taken of his hearing on being

discharged from the Army. Whenever

I make such a request, however, I am

told that no audiogram is available.

An opinion is therefore only possible

An audiogram carried out at demobilisation would not be very

time-consuming, especially if consent were restricted to those who had been

exposed to the noise of heavy guns.

Such a process would save a great

deal of time and be fair both to the

31 Rodney Street, Liverpool Ll 9EH.

Sir, As someone who has been unem-

ployed for a year, I was interested to read Mr Frank Field's letter (January

I have just returned from my local

jobcentre, having been invited for a

routine interview, my sixth since Aug-

ust. The interview did not take place.

Like all the previous five it was can-

celled because there was no staff

I have no way of knowing how

widespread is the problem of staffing

in the employment service: but if my

local office is representative, one won-

ders whether Mr Field's suggestion of

a sophisticated monitoring system is

really practicable. Even computer-

generated data require a human

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being to evaluate them.

TIMOTHY GIBBON.

Flat B, 66 Farleigh Road,

Stoke Newington, NI6 7TQ.

Yours faithfully.

January 18.

member available to conduct it.

18). I am quite a bit older than 25.

plaintiff and to the Army.

Seeking work

From Mr Timothy Gibbon

Yours faithfully,

J. SIEGLER,

January 19.

on the basis of the probabilities.

noise during his military service.

From Mr J. Siegler, FRCS

Yours in disbelief,

January 21.

LEWIS BENJAMIN.

(Project Manager),

January 21.

Airport at Aldeburgh

From Mr Yann Borgstedt

Sir, The letter from the chief executive of Aldeburgh Productions and others about an airport three miles from Snape Maltings at Bentwaters (January 21) was long on emotion but short on information.

The US military airfield at Bentvaters coexisted happily with the Maltings for many years. There is no reason why that cannot happen again. We have told the new chief executive we would very much like to work with him to achieve that.

We are, after all, talking about a local airport with projections of ten commercial flights a day in ten years' time, using quiet, modern aircraft which will hardly be heard at The Maltings above the background noise

Aldeburgh Town Council, which is equally concerned about the success of the festival, has no reservations about our plan to regenerate a derelict eyesore, creating 2,000 jobs with homes on the dootstep, while restoring local heath and woodland. They have voted 11-2 in favour of our proposal.

After all we are not proposing

Thatcher on leadership

From Mr Kenneth Harris

Sir, Magnus Linklater, in his most stimulating column, "A hole at the heart of this parliament" (January 21), recalls, with approval, the now famous words of Margaret Thatcher. .. you've got to have a togetherness. a unity in your Cabinet", and her belief in a Cabinet composed only of the people who want to go in the direction which every instinct tells me we have to go. Clearly, steadily, firmly, with resolution".

Mr Linklater states that this courageous unterance was made "early in Thatcher's first administration".

In fact, she made it to me, in an interview for The Observer) several weeks before the 1979 election, which many thought she would lose, at the head of a much divided party, most of whose leaders strongly disapproved of her view on how to run governments, some fearing her airing of them might cost them the election.

Yours etc. KENNETH HARRIS. 45 Molyneux Street, London WIH 5HW. January 21.

Problem shelved

From Mrs Imogen Mottram Sir, Unable to find any tins of toma-

toes in the canned vegetables section of a supermarket in Aberdeen (letters, January 18 and 20) I was directed to the Italian section, marked "Foreign Foods".

Yours sincerely, IMOGEN MOTTRAM, 15 Freewaters Close, Ickleford, Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 3TQ. January 21.

From Mr M. J. J. Tanner

Sir, Whilst in Normandy last summer, I found Bisto gravy powder in a hardware shop on the same shelf as colouring for tile grout. And in a small town near Oslo, a

number of years ago. I saw Findus fish fingers in a freezer selling frozen

Yours sincerely. M. J. J. TANNER. 2 Highfield Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 1PX. January 20.

call to parents

From Mrs Jenny Anderson

Sir, I am more offended by Sir Paul McCartney's message to parents (re-port and advertisement, January 25) than by his late wife's use of the F-word in her new single.

Tone of Sir Paul's

His sarcastic and mocking tone would more become a cocky, teenage pop star who is in the throes of youthful rebellion than an ageing one whose remarks should be tempered by his years and the responsibilities of parenthood. For shame, Sir Paul.

JENNIFER ANDERSON. 6 Hailey Lane, Hertford SG13 7NX. jackande@globalnet.co.uk January 25.

From Mr Rodney Gray

Sir, Your newspaper roday contains a half-page advertisement by Sir Paul McCartney, but no address to which

one may reply.

I hold Sir Paul in the highest regard. I am a great admirer of his work and that of his late wife, and I felt enormous sympathy with him when she died, I can accept, too, his views about the words to which he refers and that in many areas today they are in common use. I wonder if he can accept, however, that there are those to whom they give great offence. I for one have no wish to hear them on my radio or television, even though I

am about the same age as Sir Paul. While I fully support the rights of those who wish to buy the record and hear the lyrics, I also fully support those who seek to avoid giving offence to me and countless others by not bringing the words into my home.

Yours sincerely, RODNEY GRAY. Homefield, Horndean, Berwick upon Tweed TDI5 1XJ. January 25.

Baths at Qumran

From Mr Robert Feather

Sir, Ms Gloria Moss, in her article in Foith and Freedom on the so-called "ist-century health spa" at Qumran (report, January 18), appears to ignore the evidence that the main activity of the community of Essenes at Qumran was prayer and devotion to holy texts.

Similar Immersion baths to those at Qumran (which is not in Jordan, as you report, but in Israel) have been found elsewhere in Israel, and the community's writings make it clear that extreme cleanliness and ritual washing was essential to their way of life - hence the large number of baths. The community did have secrets, it is true, but these related to things other than medicines.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT FEATHER, 35 Baxendale, Whetstone, N20 0EG.

Golden years

From Dr Julia Leach

Sir, I have long believed that middle age (letters, January 5, 12 and 19) is ten years older than me, and old age is ten years older than my parents.

Yours faithfully. JULIA LEACH, The Lodge, Sandy Lane, Old Lakenham, Norwich NRI 2NR.

From Mr Bob Capon Sir, I aways understood that 40 is the old age of youth and 50 the youth of old age.

Yours faithfully. R. W. CAPON, 54 Ridgeway Crescent, Orpington, Kent BR6 9QP. January 22.

From Mr Henry R. Magrill Sir, Perhaps the best late 20th-century definition of middle age is: 'Too old to be a toy boy and too young to be a sugar daddy". Yours faithfully

HENRY R. MAGRILL Flat 6.7 Cleveland Gardens, W26HA. mogrill@clara_net January 19.

Time warp

From Mr Ivan K. Rowlond

Sir. I seem to recall that the esteemed film cride Mr Barry Norman referred to the film 2010 as "ten past eight" (letter, January 19).

Yours faithfully, IVAN K. ROWLAND. 59 Codrington Hill, SE23 ILR. January 19.

Heavenly bliss

From Mrs Janet Kingston

Sir. Dr Stutteford states in his article on Viagra (Medical briefing, January 22), "there is no sex in the graveyard". Any vicar, vicar's wife, verger, sexton, etc. would tell him that there is usually evidence to the contrary in most graveyards. I suspect my husband has often baptised a baby conceived within a few yards of the font!

Yours faithfully. JANET KINGSTON. 8 Pengilly Road, Farnham GU9 7XO. roykingston@lineone.net January 22.



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January 25: The Prime Minister of
New Zealand, accompanied by Mr
Burton Shipley was invited to funcheon with The Queen and The Duke of
Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, The Duke of York
and The Princess Margaret, Countess
of Snowton were meent.

of Snowdon were present.

The following were invited: His Excellency the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mr Alan Williams (Foreign Policy Adviser).
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Rear Admiral Rod Lees (Defence Services Secretary at the Funeral of Rear Admiral Str Leslie Townsond former-ly Defence Services Secretary) which was held at Portchester Crematori-

RN.
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Rear Admiral Patrick Rowe (Deputy Master, Corporation of Trinity House, London), at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Trinity House, which was held at St Olave's Church. City of London, today.

Luncheons

SABA/Macmillan Publishers Ltd Mr F.W. de Klerk was guest of honour and guest speaker at a luncheon of the Southern Africa Business Association/Macmillan Publishers Ltd held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Honorary President of the Association. was the host.

Mr de Klerk also signed copies of his autobiography The Last Trek: A New Beginning.

Fruiterers' Company
Mr Anthony Redsell, Master of the
Fruiterers' Company, presented the
company's 1998 Manden Fruit Show
diplomas at a luncheon held yesterday at Innholders' Hall. The award of
hest exhibit of Pars ween to Mr. best exhibit of Pears went to Mr
Victor Breach, best Culimay Apples
to Mr Nigel Bardsley and best
Dessert Apples to Mr Robert Muchell, Mr G.L. Doubleday also spoke.
Afterwards the following were elected Muster, Judge D. M. Cryan; Upper Warden, Mr Laurena: Sephen Olins: Rener War-den, Mr Hugh Edwin Byron Kelsey.

North Yorkshire

Lord Crathorne has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire in succession to Sir Marcus Worsley tho will be retiring on March 24. Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors

Surveyors

The annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors will take place on February 23 and not January 23 as announced in The Times on Monday, For tickets phone

Memorial service: Viscount Rothermere

Viscount Rothermere The Prime Minister read a lesson at a memorial service for Viscount Rothermere held yesterday in

Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster offici-ated, assisted by the Rev Dominic Fenton, Precentor, the Bishop of London and Canon John Oates Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, who led the prayers.

Viscount Rothermere, son, gave a reading. Mr Paul Dacre, Editorin-Chief, Associated Newspapers, and Mr Ian Wooldridge, Chief Sports Writer. Daily Mail, gave

Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS. accompanied by Sir Denis Thatcher, the Leader of HM Opposition and Mrs Hague, and the Chairman of the Conservative Party attended.

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The President of Hungary was represented by the Hungarian Ambassador. Among others present were:

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Mr Michael Hesettine, CH. Mp. Lady Elizabeh Shakerley, the Hon Mrs Zamira Benthall, the Hon Naturita Greniell, the Hon Mrs Boon Morgan, the Hon Lady Aitfeen, the Hon Lady de Zultuer, Sir Rothard Storey.

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Lord and Lady Rothermere, and the Dowager Lady Rothermere yesterday

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Birthdays today Mr Ronald Allison, author and broadcaster, 67; Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, 74: Mr Timothy Clifford, director, National Galleries of Scotland, 53; Mrs Margaret Daly, former MEP, 61; Mr Martin Dunn, former Editor, Today, 44; Mr Christopher Hampton, play-wright, 53; Mr Ronnie Hilton, entertainer, 73: Mr Kim Hughes,

cricketer, 45: Professor Marie Ja-hoda, Professor Emeritus of Social

Psychology, Sussex University, 92;

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the Right Rev David Jenkins, former Bishop of Durham, 74; Miss Eartha Kitt, singer, 71; Mr S.J.B. Langdale, former Headmaster, Shrewsbury School, 62; Mrs Appe Macfarlane, former Master of the Court of Protection, 69: Mr William McLennan, former chief executive, Central Statistical Of-

Mr Akio Morita, KBE, founder and honorary chairman, Sony Corporation, 78; Mr Paul New-man, actor, 74; Dr Paul Nurse,

Sutton, Ms Pelfeity Swim, Mr and Mrs N C Swindells, Mr Richard Tarling, Dr S J Taylor, Mr John K Teachale, Mr J B Thompson, Mr Mgel Trucht, Mrs White Tuckywell, Mr and Mrs B Vine, Mr Alexander Waller, Mr Patrick Waller, Mr Keith Waterhouse, Mr. Genfirey Witts, Mrs J Williams, Mr J S Wallwork, Mr Rny Weaver, Mr and Mrs R. Wharton. Mr Michael White, Mr W A Genfirey A White, Mr Leonard G Williams, Mr Pear Williams, Mr Henry Wrung, Mr EJ Winnington-Ingrain, Mrs Vira T Wood, Mr R K Wright, Mr and Mrs Paul Zwillenberg.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.F. King and Miss N.S. Walduck

Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.F.L. Lloyd and Miss N.F. Good

London. Mr S.A. Marston

Mr T.J. Morley

The engagement is announced between Alistair, eldest son-of Mr

Nigel King, of Malmesbury, Wilshire, and Mrs Christine

Priest, of Yeavil, Somerset, and Natasha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Walduck, of

The engagement is announced

between Lyndon, eldest son of Mr

David Lloyd, of Cambridgeshire, and Mrs Gillian Lloyd, of Marlow,

Buckinghamshire, and Natalie, only daughter of Dr Harvey

Montgomery Good, of San Francisco, and the late Mrs

Christine Good, formerly of

and Miss V.G. Davies
The engagement is announced
between Smart, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Brian Marston, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Davies, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr TJ. Morley and Miss A.M. Williams
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Morley, of Bovingdon, Herifordshire, and Anne, only daughter of the late Mr E.L. Williams and of Mrs Williams, of Mrs Will

Mr M. Riley and Miss J.M. Hook The engagement is announced

between Mark, youngest son of Mr

Mr M.E. Barrett and Miss J.M.P. O'Gorman

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mrs Barrett and the late Mr John
Barrett formerly of Moreton-inMarsh, Gloocestershire, and
Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Brian O'Gorman, of Weybridge, Surrey.
Mr C.P.J. Bourne

and Miss E.S. Wood The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of Mr and Mrs Richard Bourne, of Tifford, Surrey, and Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wood, of Hascombe, Surrey. Mr P.K.R. Foot and Miss A.K. Richards

The engagement is announced between Paris, eldest son of Mr. Keith Foot and the late Mrs Root, of Molo. Kerrya, and Amelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Richards, of Ramsden, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.M. Henfrey
and Miss C.M. Hughes.
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, son of Mr and
Mrs. Christopher Henfrey, of
Spurstow, Cheshire, and Claire,
dengher of Mr and Mrs. John Hughes, of Winnersh, Berkshire. Lieutenant R.P.H. Hutchings, RN, and Miss S.C. Hardcastle The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr Hugh Pilkington-Cushion, of New Malden, Surrey, and of Mrs.

Judy Hutchings, of East Mersea, Essex, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hardcastle, of Dunsfold, Surrey. Mr CA. Jones Mr CA. Jones and Miss A.R. Heath

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan Jones, of Cambridge, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Heath, of: Cabus, Gurstang, Lancashire. Mr C. Palmer

and Miss C. May
The engagement is announced,
between Charles, third son of the late Mr and Mrs T.H.B. Palmer, of Detling, Kent, and Collette, elder-daughter of Mr and Mrs P. May,

of Springfield, Essex.

bone Cricket Club, Mr Gareth Edwards, Chairman, Hamden,

Hyder plc, presided.

Dinners

Cardiff Basiness Club

J.W. Riley, of Kirkham, Lancashire, and Mrs E. Frances, of Primrose Hill, London, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hook, of York. Mr W.R.S. Sitwell and Miss L.B. McCorquodale The engagement is announced between William Ronald

Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

between William Ronald Sacheverell, younger son of Mr and Mrs Francis Sitwell, of Weston Hall, Towester, Northamptonshire, Mr and Mrs Euan McCorquodale, of St Boswells Bank, Melrose, Rucburghshire.

The Chamber of Shipping
Mr David Cobb, JP, President of
The Chamber of Shipping, presided at the Annual Dinner of The
Chamber held at the London
Hilton on Park Lane on Monday,
January 25, Dr John Reid, Minster of State, Denarment of the The President of Cardiff Business Club, Mr C.N.D Coles, and the. Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff ter of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr A.R. Lewis, President, Maryle-Regions, was principal guest. Mr I. Miles Duncan also spoke.

Among the other guests were:

Mr William O'Nell, Viscount Remeirson of Dentord, Lord Sterling of Plaistow, Mr J.A. Hadiputered and Mr Westful Larsen.

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Teach me, D LORD, to fol-low your decrees; then I will keep them to the and Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. 119.33-34 (NIV).

BIRTHS

AGGARWAL - On January 21st at The Fortland Hospital to Suman and Alay, a daughter, Anya. Appy, a caugater, Anya.

8AGGIO - On lanuary 20th

at The Portland Hospital

to Laura (note Di Glorgio)

and Armando, a beautiful

son, Edoardo.

8ROCHE - On January 22nd at The Portland Hospital to Natalie and Jirancois, a son, Ellott, a brother for Elmae. CHAIMI - On January 16th at

The Portland Hospital to Michal (née van Dijk) and Ofer, a daughter, Amit CiOFFi - On January 15th at The Portland Hospital to Patricia (nea Hannahee) and Angelo, a daughter, Alexandra, and a son,

Armando. COE - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital to Therese to to Johansson; and lan a daughter, Louiss.

OARGAN - On 21st January 1999 to Nicholas and Alison Whiteley at the

EDGE - On the 21st January to Violet (nee Vyper) and Richard, a daughter, Isobe Rose, sister for George.

ERASMUS - On Junuary 18ti at The Portland Hospital to Maureen (née Halley) and Lawrin, a son, Nicholas GEL - On January 16th to Alida (née Baryneter) an

Hugo, a daughter. KEMP - On January 19th at The Pertland Hospital to Renata (nee Helmich) and Richard, a son, Jonathan Michael.

LEES - On January 21st at The Portland Hospital to Susan (née Kur) and Matthew, a son, Joshua Dayid LONGSDON - On January 22nd to Fiona (née

22nd to Fiona (née Cassidy) and James, a son MAYER - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital in Irmela and Peter, a son, Charles Christopher, the newest member of the

MOOUTOUMERE - On January 21st at The Portland Hospitel to Juliette and Joseph, a son. NENDEK - Ian and Emma (née Copeland) are delighted to announce th birth of their best of al

daughter Zoe Frances Copeland, on 5th January 1999 at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge. PAYNE - On 23rd January 1993 at 22.24 to Daniel and Joanne Payne, a little boy, Bertis James. Hello and welcome to all from Bertie

James Paynel! James Paymer HENDLE/DORIS - On Jenuary 19th 1999 in Bristol to Andrew and Anna, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Jane. BIRTHS ROBERTS - On January 22nd to Vanessa (née Wright) and Matthew, a daughter, Camilla Rosemary Trophena.

ROWAN HAMILTON - On January 21st to Polly (née Martin) and Gawn, a son, Jake Douglas. Jane Douglas.

SMYTHE - On 25th January
1999 to Michell and
Charles a benithy boy,
Daulel George, born at
1.38pm at Royal London
Hospital, weighing filbs
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TAMKYN - On 18th January
to Katherine and Alex, a
son, James Raiph Hugo.
TAYLOR - On January 18th
at The Portland Hospital
to Lucy (née Howiett) and
Timothy Charles.

Houry Charles. Honry Charles.

VON DET HEYDE - On 19th
December to Serana (use
Poweil-Shedden) and
Alexander, a son, Gabriel
Heinrich Sigismund.

WELS - On January 21st to Kathryn (neé Cordon) and Kit, a daughter, Victoria Heather, a sister for Josephine.

Josephine. ASSTIOME - On January 21st 1999, to Lucy (née Broka) and Ashley, a daughter, Allegra Amber Joanna, a sister for Vere. WILLETT - On 17th September 1998 to Eileen (née Wada) and Andrew. a son, George Juhn Wada, a brother for Matthew and Ismae

WONG - On January 14th at The Fortland Hospital to Penelope and Andrew, a son, Timothy Say, a brother for Emily.

BARCLAY - Janet Evelyn Lucas (née Man) suddenly on Friday 22nd January at home. Beloved wife of the late John Barclay and adored mother of Rachel and Jane, A very special and much loved grandmother, mother-in-isw, aunt, great-aunt, great great-aunt, cousin and friend to so many. S' will be greatly missed. Funeral service at Rolvenden Parish Church on Thursday 28th January 2.30 pm. Please come. Donations if desired to

Donations if desired to L'Arche or Arthritis Research c/o C W Lyons and Soron, 70 Military Ros Canterbury, Kent 01227 4835/R 463508. BARNES - Patricia Mary, suddenly at home on 30th December 1998, Funeral to be beld at Yeovil

be beid at Yeovil
Crematorium on 5th
February 1998 at 12 noon.
Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
the British Heart Foundation, Enquiries to 0118 973 3387 ARNSLEY - Michael died

RARUSLEY - Michael died
21st January 1999
pecafully. Dear husband
and best friend of Marsha.
Only son of Disns and the
late Paul. Will be very
sadiy missed. Funeral
Service in The Lady
Chapai of Hereford
Cathedral at 12 noon on
Saturday 30th January. No
hitek ties pleasa. No
flowers. Donations may be
sent to Cheral Foundation
Hereford Cathedral.

DEATHS

BLACK - Sam MBE Professor International Public Relations, January 23rd aged 84. Funeral at St Androws Church, Totteridge Lane, Thursday 28th at 2.30 and at 3.30 at Golden, Green Golders Green Crematorium, Family

BOOSEY - Ethel Torfrida, peacefully at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, en January 21st, in her 100th year. Dearly loved wife of the late Lealie Hoosey, Much loved mother of Anthony, Torfrida, Simon and Nigel. Beloved grandmother and great-grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at 12 noon on February Bth at All Saints' Church, Denmead, Family flowers only, or donations if wished to the Portsmouth Hospital Rocky Appeal (Kidney Dialysis), c/o J Edwards and Son Funeral Directors, 13 St. George's Walk, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 TTC; 017052 62194.

BURGESS - On Thursday 21st January 1999, peacefully, Lillian Margaret Colvin (Ann) aged 94, widow of Freddy Burgess, much loved mother of Leanna and Victoria, grandmother of Catharine Staughton and Sarah Donaldson, greet grandmother of Doneles and Mairl.

and saran bonaicson, great grandnother of Dongiss and Mairi. Funeral Service at Chelses Old Church on Wednesday 3rd February at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Fulham Good Neighbours, 378 Lillie Road, SW6 7PH.

CHITY-Toby of
Edmonstone passed away
peacefully on 22nd
January 1999, aged 94
years. Funeral Service on
Monday 1st February. 2pm
at Holy-Trinity Church.
Hertford Heath,
Hertfordshirs. Flowers. Hertfordshire. Flowers may be sent to Powell Funeral Service, 83 Railway Street, Hertford. Tel 01992 509611.

CLIREY - Edna Alica en
22nd January 1999
peacefully at Phyllis
Tuckwell Hospice,
Farnham after a very long
and brave fight against
cancer. Much loved wife to
Patti and mother to
Michael, Craham and
Paul, Service ar Paul. Service at raul. Service at Easthampeteed Park Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd February at 11.00 am. Fumily flowers only, but illy flowers only, but stions to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Camberley & District Funeral Directors (01278 33241), would be much appreciated.

CONNERTON - Cecil Paddy' of Peckham and Hong Kong on 15th January aged 82. Funeral at Aldershot Crumstorium at 11.30 am on Friday 29th January. Donations if desired to Alzheinears Disease Society.

CULBERT - Edward (Ted)
Arthur, Brig. RAR,
unexpectedly and
poacefully passed away
20th January 1999, aged 73.
Sorely missed by Irene,
Moyra, Len and Richard.
Fruneral service at York
Crematorium 9 am Friday.
Family flowers only, hut
donationa, if destred, to
Erskine Hespital for
Disabled Service Men and
Wennen, Bishopton,

CULBERT - Edward (Ted)

De MORGAN - Diana Ann De MORGAN - Diana Ann (sctree Diana Hope) died on 23rd January. Funeral Service Tuesday 2nd February, 11.15am at 5t. Anne's Church, Kew Green, Richmond, Sorrey. Flowers, or donatious to Denville Hall Actors Home, c/o Andrew Holmes and Son F/D, 0181 744 1125.

EDWARDS - Kenneth Charles Stuart Dr. M.R.C. Paych D.P.M. January 24th 1939. Fescafully in hospital of Higherott. Liandyroog, Denbigh, North Wales. Dearly loved and sadly missed by all his family. Funeral on Friday January 23th. Service at Liandyroog Parish Church at 11 am followed by interment at The Churchystel. Family flowers only. Donations in memory, if desired, to The Ruthin Community Cancar Care Fund would be appreciated.

FFRENCH-CONSTANT - Diny.
On January 22nd 1999, to
Cornwell. Peaceful at last
after a prolonged struggle
with Abzheimers. Reloved
wife of Paul, mother of

wife of Paul, mother of Sally, Edward, Tanya and Juliet and grandmother of nine. Funeral Service at St Feock Church, near Truro on Friday January 29th at 11,00am, Funeral Director Howard Burrows, Pencelawer, Feock, Truro, 01872 863917.

GADD - Michael John of Bearsted, Matchaone.
Moch loved husband of Pam and father to Stave.
Chrix and Andrew, died in The Heart of Kent Hospice on Monday 25th January after a long ilinese, borne with great courage and dignity. A service of thankegiving for Miloe's life will be held on Seturday 30th January at 2pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted, All welcome, but no black ties please. No Bearsted All welcome, but no black that ploase. No Blowers but departions to The Heart of Kent Hospics via Vinera and Sour, Funeral Directors, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent, ME 19 SLU.

GRANT - John Joseph Richard of Castle Street, Hay-on-Wye, much loved brother of Bernard and Michael, On 21st January, Michael. On 21st January, after a long liness. Also his belowed wife, Amile, on 5th January 1999. Funeral to be held at 5t Joseph's Catholic Church, Hay-on-Wya, on Thursday 28th January at 29th January at 29th January at 29th Lenguiries to Citive James, Undertaker, 01497 847416. Flowest or domations to Macmillan Nurses at Broallys Hospital, Powys.

HANCOX - On January Zird 1999 peacefully at home is Cobham, Edwins. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead Friday James 29th at 10.00 am. No flowers, but donations to Musculer Dystrophy c/o F W Paine,108 High Street, Eaher, Surrey ET10 9QL

HARRIS - Brysn Alfred, of Sidmouth, on January 21st, 1999, suddenly at 21st. 1986, successory home, agod 71 years. Beloved husband of Haze much loved father of Alexandra and Andrew Alexandra and Andrew and dear grandfather of Olivia, Annahel, Lucind Jessica and Matthew. (Former Senior partner: Every & Phillips, Solicitors). Funeral Service at St Giles & St Nicholas Church. Sidmonth on Saturday

Sidmouth on Saturday Isnuary 30th at 10.30 am, followed by posterior followed by private cramation. Family illowers and but doubtless, if desired, to British Heart Foundation e/o Potbury's Funeral Service. High Street, Sidmouth, please.

HARRISON - Squadron
Leeder Robert Neal
(Bobbie) DFC RAF (Ret'd)
on Zird Laneary 1999
peacefully after a long
illness Much loved
husband of Nancy, father
of Noel, Rodney and
Randal, grandfather of
Victoria, Ursula, Catherine
and Christopher. Funeral
at 5t Leonards Church,
Minety on Tuesday 2nd
Februsry at 12 noon.
Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
the RAF Benelovant Fund,
c/o Rex Carter, Funeral
Director, High Road,
Ashton Keynes, Swindon,
Wilts SN6 8NX.

idil - Rowland, previously of Durham Terrace. Ex Consrd and Royal Household, passed Household, passed peacefully away, Ja-21st in his home too

HSLOCK - Phyllis Dr (née Lyne) on Jamusy 23rd 1999, pescafully in Exetu aged 85 years. Widow of Dr John Hillock and a beloved start. Funoral Service Monday Februar; 1st, Secred Heart Roman Catholic Church, South Street, Exetur, 10 am Mos Catholic Church, Souna Street, Exeter, 10 am Mess followed by interment at Highweek Parish Churchyard, Donations to Exeter Hospice, Enquiries Stillifants 01382 272688.

HUGHES - On January 24th at Addenbrooker's Hospital, Cambridge, in her 82nd year. Dr Letties Mary Hughes, (note Robertson), of Trever Home, Chirk, widow of Dr John Rowland Hughes FRCS, belowed mother of Judy and grandmother of Judy and grandmother of

KNG-LEWIS - On January
21st, peacefully, Irene
Beryl (Rene). Wils of the
late Brigadler Humphrey
King-Lewis, mother of the
late Michael and dearly
loved grandmother of
Claire and Eisine.
Cremation at the
Tunbridge Wolk
Crematorium on Monday
1st February at 11.30 am.
No Bowers, donations to
British Heart Foundation
c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son.

c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Walls TN1 15D.

LAURENCE - Jessica beloved wife of George and mother of Tom, Cathy and Ben died peacefully at home on Friday 22nd January. Funeral at All Saints Church, Coloshill, Buckinghamshire, 1.30 pm Wednesday 27th January. Family flowers only; donations if desired to NSPCC.

LAWRENCE - Suddenly at bome on 24th January, John J.A. of Tumbridge Wells, aged fil years. Dearly loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother. Requiem Mass at St Angustine's R.C. Church, Tumbridge Wells, at 10.30 am on Tuseday 2nd February. Followed hyinterment in Tumbridge Wells Cametery. There will be a gathering for friends who knew John and his family, after the interment. Family flowers only please but doustions if desired to LIFE, Co T.W. Boomman Puneral Services. 31 Mount Ephraim.
Tumbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8AA. Telephone 01882 541070.

ECKY - On 22nd January 1999 pescafully in Fordingbridge Hospital John. aged 87 - for more than 30 years a dedicated schoolmaster at Pembroke I admond Smith Moreal schoolmister at Pembroke
Lodge and Sandle Manor.
Funeral at St Mary's.
Church, Fordinghridge on
Friday 38th Innary at
3pm. Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
Friends of Force Sandle
Manor, Fordingbridge,
SPE 1985.

LEWIN - T.T. Adm. of the Fleet, Lord, peacafully with his family, after a short illness. Private Cremation. No flowers by request, domations if desired to the Shipwreck Mariners Society or Auriness Line to E. R. Mariners Society or Animal Line to E.B. Button & Sons Ltd., 24 St. John's Street, Woodmidge.

LEWELLYS DAVIES -Cathlean Mary, sometime Central Secretary of the Mothers' Union, died on Mothers' Union, died on Jamary 21st 1999, aged 80, of bronchoppesumonia. A private family funered on February 4th will be followed, at a date to be announced, by a Menorial Sarvice at the Mary Summer House. No flowers but donations may be sent to the Akhelmers Disease Society, Greentest Place, London SW1P, IPH.

ASKEL - Vera Beatrice, on MASKELL - Yera Bestrica, or 22nd January, pescefully in her sleep at home after a long and typically contrageous struggle sgainet illness, aged 84. Dearly loved wife of the late Group Captain Archibeld Spencer Maskell, much loved mether of Paymond.

Maskell, much loved mother of Raymond, Jacqueline and Christopher, loving grandmother and greatgrandmother, and beloved sister of Lillian and Robert. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. Reed, mear Royston at 12.30 on Friday 29th January. Family liewests only, if wished dougtlons in her memory to Macmillan Nurses of Cacil Newling. 3 Green Drift, Royston, Hertz. SGS 5DB.

MATHEWS - Died peacefully following an accident on fanuary 21st 1899 at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, Iames Patrick Ford, aged 12 years. Darling son of Ken and Margaret and loving brother of Caroline. Funeral Service to be held at St. Margaret's Church. Drayton, Norwick on Friday January 29th at 12 noon, Flowers to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich or if desired donations in memory of desired donations in memory of

donations in memory of lames to the Headmaste Norwich School, The Close, Norwich.

NEWSOME - Jean Florence aged 72 in the Cumberland infirmary, Cardiste after a seven week illness.

Beloved wife of Dr. David Newsome, former Master of Walington Collega. Funeral st St. Maryk.

Thornthwaite, near Keswick, on Friday 29th Jenuary at 1.30pm, followed by gremation at Carlisle Crematurium at 2.20pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Intensive Care Unit. Cumberland Infirmary.

Carlisle.

Carisse.

NECOL - Alex Cdr, RN, rethed Pescafully at home on Saturday 23rd January aged 78. Loving husband of Prue, father of Paul, Tony and Gillian, father-in-law and grandfather. Service of Thankagiving 230pm, Friday Sth February, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; Derby Road, Hasismers. No flowers, donations if wished to RNL or King Edward VII Hospital,

PAYME - Angels, died peacefully at home on Sunday, January 24th. Much loved wife of Michael, mother of Susia Sally, Tom and William, and grandmother of Sophie, Lucy, Louis, Ben Sam, Daniel and Chice. Funeral service at St.
Mary's, College Road,
Bromley on Thursday
February 4th at 11 am,
then at Beakenham then at Beakenham Crematorium. Flowers to 1 & R Killick Ltd. 112 Righ Street, West Wickham. Kent, 0181 777 4502, donations to South Browley Hospice, Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent. Antine of the state of the stat

2FB, tel: 0115 960 5187,
PHRIPS - Elizabeth,
peacefully at home on
January 23rd after a long
illness, Beloved wife of
William and much loved
mother of Catherine and
Flora. Funeral Service at
St Mary's Parish Church,
Newick, Sussess, on
Seturday January 30th at
12 noon. Family flowers
only, donations if desired
to Imperial Cancer
Research Fund c/o R.A.
Brooks & Son, Rawenak,
Allington Road, Newick,
East Sussez, tel: (01825)
722595 or (01444) 454391

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Went to be with his Lord
on January 21st. Much
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Margaret, Isther of Serah.
Ruth. Frances and
Thnothy, and grandisther
of Issac. Private family
funeral. Thankagiving
Service ister. Donations in
his memory to the hospics
and neurosurgery ward.
Chaques to The Arthur
Rank House and
'Addenhrookes Charities
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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHARLES DUNPHIE

Major-General Sir Charles Dumphie, CB. CBE, DSQ. Chairman of Vickers, 1962-67, died on January 7 aged 96, He was born on April 20, 1902

harles Dimphie had three careers: as a Gumner, as a commander of armoured forces and as an industrillist. He hit the headlines in the Second World War during the Tunisian campaign, when his 26th Armoured Brigade was rushed down from northern Tunisia, and succeeded in checking Rommel's breakthrough at the Kasserine Pass after the rout of the US 2nd Corps in southern Tunisia in

February 1943.
The son of Sir Alfred Dumphie, a director of Courts Bank and onetime assistant treasurer to Queen Alexandra, Charles Anderson Lane Dumphie was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Darmouth during the First World War. He intended to make his career in the Royal Navy but when, the war ended the Navy reinstituted its prewar standards for eye-sight (relaxed since 1914) and he Military Academy. Woolwich, or at

He chose Woolwich and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1921. His early service was mostly with Royal Field Artillery and Royal Horse Artillery batteries in India and England. His career as a Gamner came to an end in 1937. In 1938 he was

posted to the new experimental Mobile Division on Salisbury Plain and was thereafter involved in armoured warfare and tank development, initially with the British Expeditionary Force in France between 1939 and 1940.

In 1941 he was promoted Brigadier. Royal Armoured Corps, at General Sir Alan Brooke's GHQ Home Forces, responsible for the deployment of armoured formations as they were raised to defend England from invasion. When the German threat faded and thoughts were turning to offensive operations, he was given command of 20th Armoured Brigade. He was not destined to take it into action: he was transferred instead to

leading British armoured forma-tion in the Allied landings in French North Africa in November

In February 1943 the American cri de coeur from the Kasserine Pass brought his brigade south-wards to help the US 2nd Corps. Recommitting the pass personally on February 20, when the Afrika Korps' assault group was attacking it, he realised that the American defence was falling apart. He ordered his metor battalion group — under Lieutenant-Colonel Adrian Gore - forward into a delaying position just north of the pass, while the rest of his brigade took up a defensive position some miles behind it, ready to block Rommel's thrust into the rear of the Allied

The American defence did col-lapse, bitt Dumphie's brigade fought the 10th Panzer Division to a standstill before it could reach the important town of Thala. Rommel, realising that there was no quick victory to be had at Kasserine, gave

6th Armoured Division, to be the Army, which had entered Tunisia and was threatening his rear.
Dunphie was awarded the DSO for his action in blocking the vital Kasserine Thala road

General Sir Harold Alexander, who had just arrived to take command of the Tunisian front, decided that something must be done quickly to improve the handling of American formations. He persuaded General Patton, who had taken over the defeated US 2nd Corps, to accept British officers on a temporary basis in his corps, divisional and combat command headquarters. Dumphie became his Assistant Chief of Staff for the rest of the campaign, getting on ex-tremely well with him and his staff. He was wounded and awarded the US Silver Star, but knew nothing about the award until he later met Patton, who noticed that he was not wearing the ribbon. Patton had his own cut off and pinned on Dunphie's battledress.

Dumphie returned to England in June 1943 to become deputy direc-tor of the Royal Armoured Corps in

failed the new eye test. He was command 26th Armoured Brigade up and withdrew southwards to the War Office, where he was instead offered a place at the Royal which was nominated, as part of strike at Montgomery's Eighth closely involved in armoured fighting vehicle development. He was a natural choice for the appointment of Director General of Fighting Vehicles in the Ministry of Supply at the end of the war. It was then but a short step into his third career as an industrialist.

in 1948 he was headhunted by Vickers, becoming managing direc-tor in 1956 and going on to be chairman from 1962 to 1967. He was on the boards of several other companies associated with the armaments industry, and also of the Westminster Bank and Royal Exchange Assurance. He ended his industrial career as chairman of English Steel. He was knighted for his services to British industry in 1959, and he was a member of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, 1952-62.

His first marriage was in 1931 to Eileen, daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Walter Campbell. After she died in 1978, he married in 1981 Susan, widow of Colonel P. L. M. Wright. She and the son and daughter of his first marriage survive him.



Dunphie to the rescue of the Americans at the Kasserine Pass in 1943

JOHN HARRISON

beyond rugby, helped him to build relationships with both

and a gift for telling stories, all of which led to his being

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A tough fighter for issues he

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John Harrison, prison governor, died of lung cancer on December 26 aged 55. He was born on June 15, 1943.

THE past three decades have

been especially difficult in the Prison Service. Overcrowding. escapes, riots, staff industrial action and resource shortages combined to make the task of John Harrison's generation of prison governors extremely day to the next without disaster was too often the priority; improving establishments requently appeared near im-ossible. Yet, despite this background, Harrison succeeded in keeping the establishments he governed on an even keel. His father, N. H. Harrison, had been Governor of North Sea Camp Borstal in Lincolnshire and then Governor Class 2 of the larger Portland Borstal in Dorset. During his career, the Harrison family moved quite fre-

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Harrison a flair for getting through to staff and prisoners

ties of offenders were frequently in evidence, so John grew build relationships with both up accustomed to offenders, staff and prisoners. He was and to penal establisments. nd to penal establisments. a man's man, quick-witted, This stood him in good with a great sense of bumour

stead when he entered the Prison Service in 1969. He was always very proud of his family links with the service. for him it was never just a job. A big man, he played rugby ars and was an England trialist. His sporting establishments. Working par- prowess, which extended far

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able inner strengths, especially noticeable in the way he coped with his final illness. John Louis Harrison was born in St Albans. He attended Rochdale, Maidstone and

private man, with consider-

Hampton Grammar Schools. On leaving school in 1961, he joined a firm of estate agents in Boston, Lincolnshire, which fostered a lifelong interest in antiques and collectibles. His rugby in this period included playing against the touring Springboks in 1969. It was also during this time that he met Christine Smith, whom he married in 1971.

In 1969, while teaching part-time at North Sea Camp, he was approached by the Gover-nor, Michael Selby, who sug-gested that he might follow in his father's footsteps and join the Prison Service. After selection and training he was posted back to North Sea Camp, where one of his first jobs was to supervise a work party charged with demolishing the old prefabricated quarter that he had lived in as a boy.

His potential was quickly

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recognised and in September 1970 he joined the staff course at the Prison Service College, Wakefield, on promotion to assistant governor. Afterwards he was posted to Morton Hall. Lincolnshire, and then Huntercombe in Oxfordshire, both small Borstal institutions. Promotion to deputy governor came in 1978, and he moved to Rochester borstal, a

reflection of his ability in work with young offenders. In 1982, to widen his experience, he was transferred to the South East regional office. This was a time of acute population pressure, resulting in prisoners overflowing into police cells, causing considera-ble political embarrassment. Managing incidents and the consequences of staff strikes was also part of Harrison's brief, and he proved very good at these demanding tasks and

reliable under pressure. He was soon selected for promotion to Governor Class 3 and posted to Wandsworth Prison as deputy governor, his first experience of working with adult prisoners. Further promotion to Governor Class 2 quickly followed, and he was then given responsibility for overseeing all the establishments in the South

East. This was the time of the tion but, as he was the first to introduction of "Fresh Start". a radical change to staff conditions, and Harrison admit, variable results. quickly gained the respect of his governor colleagues. He was given his first command in 1990, when he took charge of the Young

Offender Institution at Stake Heath in Shropshire. In 1991 he transferred to Canterbury Prison, bringing him much closer to his home in Surrey. Prison populations were growing very fast as a consequence of Michael Howard's "prison ally perverse pride and amuseworks" policy. Canterbury took its share of the increase, and Harrison's priority was maintaining stability.

He was especially pleased to be selected for further promotion to Governor Class 1 in 1994, and after a short spell in charge of Frankland Maximum Security Prison near Durham and some months working on policy at Prison Service HQ, he took charge of Risley Prison in Cheshire in

Risley was a complex and unusual prison with a difficult history, but he largely succeeded in maintaining its positive regime in the face of severe budget reductions. This took all his skill and determination. and involved difficult negotiations with local trade unions. He also laid the foundations for an important initiative to tackle drug offending, something he was still developing when his final illness overcame him.

John Harrison leaves a widow. Christine, and two sons and two daughters.

THEO MATHEW

Theo Mathew, Windsor Herald at the College of Arms, 1978-97, died on December 24 aged 56. He was born on April 7, 1942.

AS ONE of the royal heralds Theo Mathew took part annually in the State Opening of Parliament, and the Garter Service at Windsor Castle. These were roles he greatly enjoyed, as he had a certain weakness for uniforms and decorations, which is not unknown in his profession.

State ceremonial is the most public aspect of the work of the heralds but the far greater part of their time is devoted to heraldic and genealogical research, entering pedigrees in the College of Arms registers, overseeing heraldic artwork and designing new coats of arms, of which about 180 are granted each year. The dry tasks of drawing up pedigrees and making searches in the college records did not always prove sufficiently diverting for Mathew's imaginative mind. Besides ceremonial, it was the creation of new arms which gave him the greatest pleasure. He would never delegate the preparation of sketches of artist but drew them himself with often painstaking atten-

Theobald David Mathew was born in London, the son of Robert Mathew, and Joan, elder daughter of Sir George Young, 4th Baronet. He was educated at Downside and Balliol, where he read history.

An early false start to his career provided a sharp contrast to his family's previous distinction in the legal profession - a contrast which he viewed with a characteristic-

ment. His great-grandfather, Sir James Mathew, was, as he would often relate, a Lord Justice of Appeal; his grandfather, another Theobald Mathew, a recorder, and the author of four volumes of Forensic Fables, his father a solicitor; and the young Theo for a period an articled clerk

with Frere Cholmeley. Not finding the law to his liking he went to work as a research assistant to Sir Anthony Wagner, then Garter King of Arms, whose protege he became. He served as a Green Staff Officer at the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969 and was appointed Rouge Dragon Pursuivant the following year. He relin-quished that office when advanced to Windsor Herald in 1978, with some relief, musing that at only 5ft oin tall he failed to meet expectations of appearance, and that Rouse Drason should be at least oft oin with a thick growth of bright ginger hair.

Theo Mathew was a bach-

elor of modest private means. and of generally simple but occasionally extravagant and romantic tastes. A portrait of a 19th-century member of his family, Father Theobald Math-Temperance", gesturing towards gushing water, dominated the drawing room of his house in St John's Wood. While the young Theo Mathew was far from puritanical. and was always the most generous and convivial of hosts, he could not rival another family member, General Montague Mathew, who died at a dinner party in 1819, and is remembered for being one of the last "four-bottle

men" in Co Tipperary. The Mathew seat, Thomastown Castle in Co Tipperary, passed out of family ownership in the 19th century and fell into ruin. In 1938 it was bought back by David Mathew, the historian and titular Archbishop of Apamea in Bythinia, and was eventually passed by him to his kinsman Theo, whom he made his heir. Latterly Theo, although often staying with cousins in Dublin, rarely found time to visit what has been described as "one of the most spectacular of all the many ruined Gothic

castles in Ireland". Capable of finding the comic side of virtually any situa-tion. Theo Mathew was a rich source of amusing anecdote. His sharp ear noticed the finest nuances of voice and accent, and this, combined with remarkable powers of mimicry, allowed him to tell any tale with a full range of appropriate voices.

Perhaps in part due to a similarity in stature his most perfect imitation was that of the present Duke of Norfolk who, by virtue of holding the hereditary office of Earl Marshal, has powers of supervision over the College of Arms. Often the Earl Marshal's military voice would be heard reverberating round the college libraries, causing consterthat he was making an unannounced visit. But nearly always this would turn out to be only Theo".

Realising that he did not have the dedication to his profession necessary to secure further advancement he watched stoically as more earnest colleagues were promoted over him. He inspired great affection and was a warm-hearted and faithful friend. In 1997 he retired from the College of Arms and moved to West Mersea in Essex, the scene of many happy childhood holidays.



Theo Mathew, Windsor Herald, seated right, with the other heralds at the State Opening of Parliament in November 1981

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GENERAL BOOTH AND THE POOR

To the Editor of The Times Sir, In the letter from "General" Booth to the Lord Mayor, published in your columns on the 20th inst, he had written that "on one our officers found on one of the Thames bridges no less than 164 persons of various ages without any sort of shelter or protection from the weather than that provided by the parapets surrounding the recesses of the ths. Here most of these poor creatures remained all night." The facts thus stated at once received an absolute denial from the Lord Mayor and from Colonel Henry Smith the Police Commissioner; and it was pointed out by the latter than no one is allowed to remain at night on any of the bridges within the jurisdiction of the City Police.

Thus challenged, "General" Booth writes to you on the 23rd inst, that he might through nadvertence have stated that the 164 homeless people were "on the bridge", but that they certainly were either upon or "in immediate proximity" to the bridge, whatever the last phrase may mean. It is something, perhaps, to gain an admission from the "General" that the crowded "recesses" were a delusion

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Several correspondents were critical of "inadvertent" remarks by General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, concerning Blackfriars Bridge and its "recesses"

introduced into his picture of London distress by what he calls inadvertence. But he does not retreat with good grace; the 164 sufferers are merely shifted to a locality almost impossible to identify; and you may therefore think that the following further information throws some useful light upon a subject which, however tiresome it has become, must remain of interest to the public so long as "General"

Booth's appeal for money continues.

First, then, in reference to the question whether the London bridges are frequented at night by homeless and penniless persons, I

went last night to Blackfriars Bridge — the bridge supposed to be referred to by "General" Booth — and I walked the bridge on both sides between 12 and 1 o'clock, examining the recesses. There was not a single person who had the appearance of the state being penniless or homeless; there was not a single person in any of the recesses; and the police constable on the bridge, who had done duty there at night for the last three months, informed me that the statement made by "General" Booth were without foundations.

But I can supply a more instructive test than the experience of a single night. There is, in another part of London, in one of the poor districts of Westminster, a well-known charitable institution called the Newport Market Refuge, where men and women are taken in for seven consecutive nights and fed gratui-tously. What has been the experience of the officials there as to the distress of this winter? i find that during the whole month of November the refuge was not full on a single night. Similarly throughout December there were vacant beds every night. And it was not till the 5th of this month that they became full. I think these facts are somewhat significant when it is borne in mind that the Metropoli-tan Police are in the habit of directing destitute persons of all sorts to the refugue.

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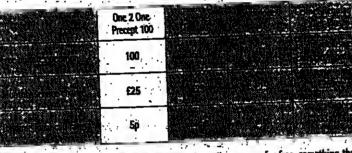
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NatWest appoints 93 area franchise managers



Stern: growth in Europe

BY RODNEY HOBSON

NATWEST BANK has consolidated its position as the leading bank pro-viding services to franchising by ap-pointing a network of franchise managers located around the country. Some of the 93 new area franchise

managers will be at the National Franchise Exhibition at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester, next week. Nat-West will retain its head office staff of eight under Peter Stern, who has been head of franchising for 16 years. He said the network, intended to cover the whole of England, Scotland and Wales, had been developed in response to the continued growth of franaising in the UK. Recruiting has tak-

en place over the past nine months.

Mr Stern said: The introduction of our new franchise managers is another positive step in helping new and existing customers to succeed in this growth area. Franchising is big business, accounting for a fifth of all UK retail sales. Not only is franchis-ing taking off in the UK — in Europe we are seeing rapid growth. That is why last year we went into partner

ship with four leading European

NatWest is currently complling its annual survey in conjunction with the British Franchise Association. Re-sults will be published in March. Last year franchising turnover was reported at 17 billion, with 568 franchise systems operating 29,100 out-

lets and employing 273,800 people.
Total franchise turnover in Europe is estimated at more than £60 billion. with more than 3,800 franchises operating 167,000 franchised outlets and employing 1.5 million people.

hibition on February 5 and 6, reports that 75 stands have been booked. They include Signs Express, which will begin its 1999 re-

cruitment campaign at the event. David Corben, managing direc-tor of Signs Express, said: We believe there are significant opportuni-ties for signage business, especially in the North of England, where we would like to open more outlets." Also taking part will be Kall Kwik,

the print and design franchise, which achieved total numover of

CIL the organiser of the G-Mex ex- more than £70 million last year. CIL also organises annual franchise exhibitions at Wembley and in Glasgow. Miller Freeman, organiser of the franchise exhibition at the National

Exhibition Centre, Birmingham,

said that 11,224 visitors attended the event last October. It is the first time that the attendance has been audited independently by ABC. The figure excludes organisers, NEC personnel and re-entries. Futurekids, one of the fastest-

growing franchises in the country,

will be taking a stand at Manches-

training for children, adults and teachers and already operates in 75 countries, training 100,000 children

It was founded in Los Angeles in 1983 on the premise that learning computer skills would be as important as learning to read and write. In Britain, it works in partnership with the Institute of Education, the University of London, the Joint Examining Board and, in hospital schools, the National Association for the Education of Sick Children.

Signs point to prospect of growth

BY RODNEY HOBSON

AN EVER-GROWING list of franchises, many in areas not viously covered by franise systems, is on offer to

would be entrepreneurs.

A new franchise has been set up to service and manage estate agency "For Sale" sign-boards. Called Agency Express, it offers estate agency chains and independent opera-tors a cost-effective method for erecting, servicing and removing property signs.

There are about 114 million "For Sale" boards outside properties in Britain at any one time. Fewer than half of all properties on the market had boards outside ten years ago. Now the figure is almost 80 per cent.

Despite indications that the housing market could slow with the rest of the economy, Agency Express is stepping up its search for franchisees across the country. It claims that when the market is depressed and it is difficult to sell houses, a greater percentage of properties on the market have sale signs outside.

In addition, Agency Express said it has spotted lucrative new opportunities for shorterterm signs including homes for rent and commercial properties for leasing. The franchise system is an offshoot of Signs Express, which is based in Nor-

wich and now has 65 outlets. The initial cost of an Agency Ex-press franchise is £9,950, which includes a ten-year agreement, the deposit on a van and specialist equipment

After the success of pilot operations last year, Wicked Wheels is ready to recruit two franchisces a month. An investment costs £25,000. Wicked Wheels is a mobile alloy wheels refurbishment service designed to make corroded and damaged wheels look like new.

Stephen Wood, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, spent £300,000 and two years developing mobile equipment that can shotblast, repair, repaint and relacquer alloy wheels from cars, vans and motorcycles.

Mr Wood said: "Car dealers and fleet managers can add hundreds of pounds to the value of their used vehicles by bringing them back to as new. It is an easy message to sell in a market that we have already proven with out sister franchise business Paint Technik." The service is also aimed at classic car specialists. The cost is about £30 a wheel.

Prospective franchisees ought to check out any franchise system and if possible talk to existing franchisees before signing up. New tranchise systems should have run a pilot project.



Class of their own: ex-teachers David and Julie Mitchell prefer handbells to school bells

Husband and wife are crying good team

DAVID and Julie Mitchell claim to be the world's first husband-and-wife team of

town criers.

Both former teachers, they find running their own business more congenial than the

classroom these days. Mr Mitchell had arranged for a town crier to waken his wife-to-be with a bellowed proclamation outside her window on their wedding day in

The crier cried off — he was double-booked — so Mr Mitchell borrowed his spare bell and robes and did the job himself. "I thought it was fun," he

says. "I began to deputise as a town crier on a part-time basis in Chester and soon became a town crier in my own right in some surrounding towns."

He left teaching in 1992 and combined a new career in calligraphy -- in which he produces bespoke wedding invitations, town-twinning charters. official documents, poems and certificates - with being a

Now he and Mrs Mitchell are the official town criers in Chester. From May to August, they declaim in the town five days a week. They welcome tourists in up to eight languag-es and boom forth local histories and announcements, and they have been hired to do six public proposals of marriage, all of which were accepted.

The couple have taken part in town crier competitions, winning trophies all over BritBernard Silk

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ain, and in Australia and Can-

ada. So, what does the aspiring town crier need? You must have confidence and a loud voice - but not sim-

ply to shout like a sergeantmajor." says Mr Mitchell. You have to modulate your delivery and be prepared to be spontaneous. And you must have great legs to wear the

The outfit does not come cheap. It costs from about £1,500 and it is a false economy to skimp, the couple say. Fortunately, Mrs Mitchell has another skill. She makes liveries for town criers and recently received an order from a town in Victoria, Australia. The coat, which is made of

pure wool and trimmed with gold lace, may take 100 hours to complete and costs £750. A hat and bell might cost £50 apiece. Even with all their sidelines. Mr Mitchell finds time to give an alter-dinner presentation, entitled "For crying out loud", at £120 a time. The couple's annual turnover is a comparatively

modest £22,500 because the employment is mainly seasonal.

They charge a minimum of £40 for a turnout in the Chester area. Long-distance jobs may cost several hundred pounds, subject to negotiation. with the client paying travel costs. The couple work together and solo.

Mrs Mitchell says that you need to be a combination of an entertainer and a civic official. adding: "You can't be a wimp because you have to deal with comments and quips from the crowd, sometimes taking the mickey, in an interesting and amusing way. In the business, it's called conviviality and public friendliness. You have to take to people because they

constantly approach you."
Town criers go back into the mists of time. They told the populace about news, impending visits of royalty, and deaths of local people and gave warning of floods and epidemics. Nowadays there are about 150 town criers in the UK, most employed on an occasional basis. About 10 per cent of town criers are women, and they take part on an equal basis in competitions against their male counterparts.

"Last year's runner-up world champion was a woman," said Mrs Mitchell, "and in 1997 the loudest decibels in competition came from a woman crier."

☐ David and Julie Mitchell are on 01244 311736.

Town centres get smart to win back shoppers

A SMARTCARD has been in-troduced to win shoppers back to town centres, where independent businesses have complained for years about unfair competition from superstores (Rodney Hobson writes).

The card is already in use in more than 150 shops in Not-

Paul Ashley, managing di-Scior of Touch, a London com-pany that has developed the card first in Nottingham at the city council's invitation, said: Our aim is to bring customers back into high streets and fight out-of-town hypermarkets." Although the Nottingham

signatories include big busi-nesses such as Ravel and Knickerbox, most are small independent companies. These have been more prompt in their dealings with the card

"It is easier to get a decision from the small company," said Mr Ashley. "The matter does



Knickerbox has already signed up for smartcards

not have to be referred to anybody else." Card users in Nottingham

receive a 2 per cent discount on purchases and savings of up to 10 per cent at the city council's indoor leisure centres. A participating business re-ceives a free list of all cardhold-

ers from Touch but pays for research data, such as the age

bracket of its customers, so that

pleasurable to visit. John McSheny, a partner in the firm's shopping centre management team, said: "We try to bring together the local authority, the landowners and all interested parties

So many small companies complain that recruiting is time-consuming and expen-sive that a free service, in which applicants take a job on a three-week trial, has been started in South London.

The service, Working Advantage, set up by the Employment Service and Solotec, the area's training and enterprise council, brings employer and applicant together without charge. However, the jobseeker

works unpaid for the three-week trial and retains all social security payments under an agreement with the Benefits Agency. If the applicant is taken on permanently. Working Advantage pays the employer £300 to cover expenses. Working Advantage may also make a contribution to the cost of any training scheme undertaken by the new employee. Inquiries: 0800 800222.

C Small businesses and small customers are among the slow-est payers of invoices, according to the latest quarterly surver by the Institute of Credit Management. Very large businesses and central govern-ment are also culprits, the insti-tute says. Firms in a long-term relationship tend to pay quickly. The survey found that cash-flow was the main reason for late payment, followed by intentional late payment.

A trade mission to the Philippines has been organised for May 3 to 7 by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Cost of the package is £1,070. Inquiries: 0121-450 4205.

☐ The Federation of Small Businesses marks its 25th anniversary with its annual conference at Blackpool, near to Lytham St. Anne's, where the organisation was formed. Michael Wills, the new Small Firms Minister, will put in an appearance and the main business speaker is Sir Christopher: Harding, president of the Prince's Youth Business Trust. The conference, on March 19 to 21, will be attended by more than 500 delegates.

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Radar homes in on smallest employers

A CONFERENCE has been

called by the charity Radar to encourage small businesses to employ disabled people.

Many of the businesses targeted by Radar - the Royal association for Disability and Rehabilitation — have fewer

than IS staff and are not covered by the legislation on em-loying disabled people. Radar will offer specific advice for businesses and will detail the kind of 'reason-' able adjustments" that the legislation stipulates should be made to accommodate dis-

abled employees. "This may

be as simple as giving somebody time off for physiotherapy." said Nick Goss, Radar's

education, training and em-

staff. Allowing staff to work from home could also be easier to monitor. The conference is at the

ployment officer.
He believes that operating and monitoring a policy on disabled employees is easier in a business with a small

Royal College of Physicians on April 19 Small business organisations as well as employers have been invited. Inquiries: 0171-250 3222.

it can mailshot similar shoppers. Touch is about to issue the card in Maidstone, Kent, and is in discussions to start a scheme in Bristol. Studies of the possibility of a card are to be carried

out in Manchester and Cambridge, and sights have been set on Southampton, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Oxford, Norwick, Coventry, Wolverhampton, and Tamworth, Staffordshire, and Southend, Essex.

Jones Lang Wootton, the property consultancy, is in talks with two unnamed London districts on regeneration of their centres. The consultancy has previously advised other towns and cities, including Leeds and Newcastle upon Tyne. The adviser aims for a mix of shops, restaurants and leisure establishments and recommends policies to make town centres

safe, clean, accessible and

Hospitality jobs to soar Unit, highlights the difficulties enterprise councils. The researchers say that manufacturing has the worst

last year. The best record was in financial services, with 79 per cent giving training. The aim of the report, the

show further and higher education establishments, Tecs and employers the training needed to staff London businesses and to enable people to find work. It is funded by the Ters and the

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EMPLOYMENT in London's hotel and catering business will rise at four times the capital's average employment growth rate over the next two

years, a report issued today says (Brian Collett writes). Yet this sector has the highest number of employers report-ing shortages of skilled staff. ig shortages of skilled staff. training record in London.

The report drawn up by the Only 31 per cent of employers

that small firms have in recruiting and training staff. The unit was formed by the London Tec Council, the umbrella body for the capital's seven training and

first produced by the unit, is to gave their workforce training

Top marks for serving with pride

t bas not been a particularly happy new year for the public services. The influence that swept through Britain highlighted the pressure under which much of the NHS operates. The Bramley affair reawakened concerns over adoption. Meat inspectors threatened to strike. Tony Blair expressed concern about inner-city schools. There were serious revelations about the Flying Squad. All of this suggested that there are serious weaknesses in some of our most important public institutions.

But do these headline stories typify the public service as a whole? Is every hospital brought to a half by winter flu? Are all schools in turmoil? And what do headlines mean for the less high-profile services — libraries, leisure centres, engineers and post offices -which nevertheless play an important part in our daily lives?

The Charter Mark awards announced inday — bestowed by the Government on 1,200 or-ganisations — go some way to restoring the balance. First awarded by John Major, the Charter Mark has been continued and expanded by Labour to recognise quality in the public service, encourage improve-ment and provide models of

good practice, But, significantly, the Charter Mark is not about money. As one winner put it. "High standards don't depend on funding alone. When put to the test, we are forced to examine how we use the money we have got. More inventive management, better communications with users and clearer standards can all help to lift the calibre of delivery without



Awarded for excellence

extra costs." Many of this year's recipients are receiving the award for the second time. To qualify, they have had to show that they have made significant improvements since they last entered.

In the Derbyshire Dales Lo-cality Health Services, the past three years have seen im-proved communications with the district general hospital, better co-operation with local carer and user groups and an overhaul of nursing documentation to increase efficiency. Strengthened by these improvements, the health services also managed to cope with the winter crisis by adopting a local action plan.

nderpinning these advances has been the dedication of staff. Ian Rogerson, the locality general manager, says: "Staff have been coming in to do extra work at a time when there has been a very high level of staff sickness. We cannot expect them to do this as a matter of course, but in an emergency the staff rally round. Their dedication has

Ms B. J. Waltho, who runs the outpatients department at the Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Trust, believes that the Charter Mark scheme is changing the ethos within the public service and particularly with-in the NHS. "It has helped to make us much more aware of view," she says.

NHS has been that everything revolves around the consultants. Charter Mark is starting to put the patient at the centre lieves that the process of enter-ing for the award is worth-while in its own right. The principles are very simple very clear and we ought to be working towards them in any case. By entering for a Charter Mark, you gain the benefit of an objective external audit of your service and valuable feedback from the Cabinet Office. What's more, it is free. To get a similar service from an external consultant would cost thousands of pounds.

Ms Waltho has used the Charter Mark scheme as a development tool for her hospital. For example, it helped to in-spire the launch of a regular newsletter for cultratients. When the flu epidemic struck. the hospital used the newsletter to explain what was happening and to ask users to be patient. It helped people to cope with the crisis.

Charter Mark is gaining gradual recognition from the public as a mark of quality. Significantly, the change of heart among Labour-controlled local authorities - many of whom had initially boycotted it as a piece of Conservative sleight of hand - means that Charter Mark has become acceptable across the political divide. Its place in society now looks secure.

EDWARD FENNELL



Chiltern Railways has invested more than £30 million to improve services, as well as installing CCTV to increase security at car parks

Pressure breeds success

the list of this year's award winners provides a reminder both of the variety of public services in Britain and of the potential for improvement.

The successful entrants represent sectors currently under intense critical scrutiny such as hospitals, schools and railways; there are those from more consumer-orientated areas such as tourist information and the provision of sports

There are even organisations such as the Inland Revenue and prisons. In the case of the latter, there is undoubtedly scope for improvement, but progress is not always easy to

In Sunderland, the City Hositals NHS Trust has won its fourth Charter Mark despite staff shortages. Nurses from South Africa have been recruited to ease the problem. The day case unit now treats nearly two thirds of the hospitals' patients, enabling them to return home on the day of their

The eye infirmary and the neurophysiology department, which provides a high-quality

John Young profiles some of the winners who have quietly made improvements in their field

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Comprehensive School in Woking, Surrey, with a student population of about 1,500, is seeking to re-establish the sixth form it lost in the Seventies. The Government's Schools Inspeciorate puts it among the top 160 schools in Britain. Michael Staples, the school's pastoral manager, points to its "tracking system" which allows pupils' exam results to be fed into a computer before being used to assess whether they

are doing well. Holy Cross High School in Chorley. Lancashire, has introduced "Going for Gold" awards to stimulate achievement in lessons and in sport, and to boost attendance and extracurricular activities such as volunteer work for charities. Under the school's monitoring system, individual tutors are assigned to pupils experienc-

Parklands Junior School, in

mobile service, have both been Romford, Essex, has already been awarded investors in Peo-ple status. Gina Gardiner, the principal, sees a Charter Mark as a natural progres-"Although as a monopoly,

sion, attributing the school's success to its emphasis on high standards and on teamwork involving staff, pupils, parents and the community. The Land Registry, which oversees 24 district offices from its headquarters in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, holds the records of more than 16 million titles, most of which are now stored on computer. It has recently introduced a pilot scheme for a national land in-

formation service, and hopes to revolutionise homebuying by introducing computer conveyancing to cut out expensive searches. This is the third successive year in which the registry has been awarded a Char-

James Pearson, the deputy head of information, says reaching such heights gets harder all the time. We must demonstrate consistently improving standards," he says.

One of the things that impressed the assessors was our independent complaints proce-

which the public is forced to use, we are not subject to market forces, we are nonetheless very customer-orientated and are constantly developing and

£30 imilion on his Clubman trains to provide faster, more comfortable journeys on a network once notorious for overcrowding and unreliability, It offers a 50 per cent refund to passengers delayed for more nan 30 minutes. Assessors were also impressed by the friendliness and efficiency of staff, and by the quality and amount of information availa-

ble in timetables and leaflets. The Island Line Train Oper-It is not enough to stand still ating Company on the Isle of

Wight is the smallest of the 25 franchised operators, respon ble for just 81/2 miles of track between Ryde and Shanklin, its rolling stock is 60 years old and the 35 staff are responsible for track maintenance as well as running the trains (all but as running the trains (all bit two of the stations are un-manned). Nonetheless, it car-ries 700,000; passengers a year, 60 per centref them tour-ists, Remarkably, the compa-ny achieves 95 per cent inneriality, "A lot of good news goes unreported says Alan Cracknell, the general manager
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A similar interchange in Barnsley, opened in 1992, which incorporates the railway station, is to be expanded to encompass the adjacent bus station, formerly privately owned. A similar project is planned for

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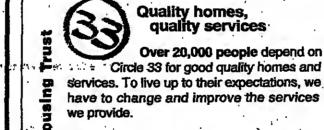
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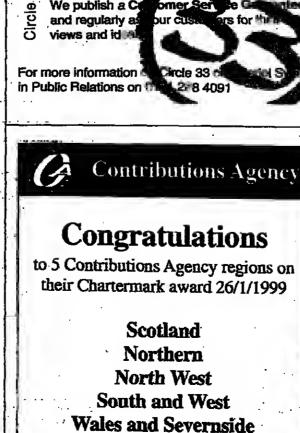


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in railways encompasses the historical rather than the daytoday practicalities of getting around are likely to be famil-iar with the National Railway Museum in York. The largest of its kind in the

orld, the collection includes 3 engines and 280 items of rolling stock, while the ar-chives contain L4 million phoingraphs, 230,000 engineering drawings, 15,000 books and 7,000 posters.

Graham Stratfold, the museinn's head of public affairs, says that applying for the Charter Mark helped to unite and focus staff: "We know we exist in a compentive environment, and to keep our slot as one of the most visited attractions outside London — 430,000 last year — we have to go on meeting and exceeding our visitors' expectations."

What York is to trains, Portmouth is to ships - and to the Royal Navy in particular. Reductions in the size of the dockyard and falling employment in ancillary industries have orced the city fathers to look to tourism as an alternative

The council has set up three tourist information centres --overseen by the English and Southern Tourist Boards which handled 370,000 inquirles last year, 15 per cent of them from abroad. All the permanent and most of the temporary staff speak at least one for-

eign language. Birmingham's transformation from the grimy "work-.

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The glory days of engineering and shipping inspire quality tourism, says John Young

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thority museums service in Britain At its heart is the Museum and Art Gallery, which houses the world's leading collection of Pre-Raphaelite art, it recent-ly presented a successful

Burne-Jones exhibition. The Birmingham city authority. also runs the Museum of the Jewellay Quarter, which re-flects the early years of the cen-uny and Aston Hall, one of the finest Jacobean houses in the country. The Charter Mark assessors were impressed by visitors positive comments:

Belfast Zoological Gardens, established in 1934, have in recent years provided a haven for recreation and education in a city plagued for so long by violence and destruction. The zoo has won several prizes for animal husbandry and the design of its enclosure. Now it has added a Charter Mark award for its facilities, service and value for money. In Torquay, the Riviera Cen-

tre has won two Charter Mark awards for its confedence bureau and its sports and leisure department. Sarah James, of the conference bureau, says that bookings extend well into.

the next millennium with more

strictions are needed; in some cases this cuts casualties by half.

"Our investigations are carried out to the highest stand-ards, comparable to those methods employed by the CID," Inspector Haslam says. We have officers trained to provide care and support for bereaved relatives, and the letters of appreciation we get far outnumber the complaints."

cover the simplest to the most difficult tasks," she says. "We offer not only a free venue findpublicised anempts to present a more humane face to the pubing service, but also complete Sports and lessare facilities include a swimming pool. lic have been rewarded by the granting of Il new Charter Marks, bringing its total to 19.
The winning offices, mostly in the North of England and na, as well as a gym which is used by Torquay United Foot-ball Club members, and athin Scotland, include Shipley in West Yorkshire, where more letes who hope to sualify for the British skiing team for the than 1,000 staff have been trained to use "plain English" and to provide a streamlined While visits to museums or telephone answering service

tors are something that most people prefer to avoid. But Inorganised and customers are invited to visit the office. spector Reg Haslam, of Merseyside Police traffic depart-The Inland Revenue's South ment, insists that the work of Yorkshire region, with its headquarters in Sheffield, emhis team goes well beyond "nicking" the errant driver ploys some 4,200 staff in 33 offices and carries out regular He points to the departcomplaints surveys to determents goal of reducing the mine the levels of customer sat-

The Buckie tax office, on the remote Moray coast of north-east Scotland, which employs just'16 people, has organised an appointments system for its 6,400 customers. This helped and where further traffic re. Mark award.



Living history: Platform 4 resident theatre group as Brunel and Stephenson at the National Railway Museum

Peter Kilfoyle: ending turf wars between public servants

Scheme wins Labour's approval

ONE of the biggest practical challenges facing this administration is how to deliver on Government., Behind the neat catchphrase is a complex exercise in re-engineering the way public services are planned and delivered by emphasising co-operation be-tween departments — whether in Whitehall or the town

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But for bureaucrats to co-operate often goes against the grain of territorial protectivegether. Among them, Charter Mark has an important role

to play. Admittedly when Labour arrived in power it needed to be convinced that Charter Mark was a worthwhile un-.. dertaking. But an evaluation of the scheme produced some impressive results. Charter Mark organisations were shown to perform considera-bly better than the norm. Staff morale was higher. And feed-back from the public showed

Edward Fennell on how Charter Mark's ethos of putting customers first fits the Government's strategy

that they were better consult-ed by Charter Mark organisations. As a result the Government decided not to scrap the . award - but to expand it.
Yet if Charter Mark was to

gain a new Labour character it had to support the "joined approach. Fortunately that is not difficult. Charter Mark is about putting the publie, not the providers, at the

Getting rid of rivalries and abandoning turf wars be-tween public servants is part of this process: As Peter Kilfoyle, Parliamentary Secretary. in the Office of Public Service. puts it "There have been substantial improvements in public service delivery by a number of government bodies especially in the agencies. But these improvements are not always coherently connected. I want us to do much more to see the customer's point of

view. Citizens dealing with life's events - marriage, retirement, long-term care, whatev er - want a package of services tailored to their needs. They do not want to trainse round public sector agencies. We must make things easier for them through one-stop shops, tighter co-operation, collaborative electronic service provision, better signposting, be-

suits best." Reflecting this approach the new Charter Mark criteria for this year include the need to work with other providers. Charter Mark also complements naturally the new Best Value programme through its emphasis on consulting users and reviewing standards of performance. The forthcoming White Paper on modernis-ing Government will emphasise Charter Mark's role in promoting this customer-focused

approach. Mr Kilfoyle quotes. for example, the work of Hackney council, under the Better Government for Older People programme, in running a project for integrated services, and the Lewisham Benefits Agency prototype which provides central and local govern-

The emphasis within Charter Mark on partnership exthe public. Under the Conservatives the public were described as customers. Under Labour they have become users, with the implication that providers and users should collaborate closely to get the

most out of the system.

As Mr Kilfoyle points out:
"Charter Mark emphasises cooperation between service providers and users. This can be deepened in many ways. For example, Cherwell District Environmental

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Health Department's bus against them must be assessed and subject to public takes services to the people. Birmingham council now opscrutiny." Perhaps the final link in the new framework of co-operaerates 43 one-stop shops. And the National Museums of Scotland has a junior board of

But co-operation does not disguise the fact that Charter Mark does have a hard edge. Mr Kilfoyle says there must be greater exposure to the public. "Charter Mark winners must have customer service standards which are transpar-

12 schoolchildren." All three

organisations are 1998 Char-

ter Mark winners.

tion is between Charter Mark itself and the other quality awards. Mr Kilfoyle says: Charter Mark is a tried and tested scheme. There is no

doubt that it enhances public service delivery. Finally, let's not forget the workers. What is good for the users of services must also be good ultimately for those who deliver them. Charter Mark winners have



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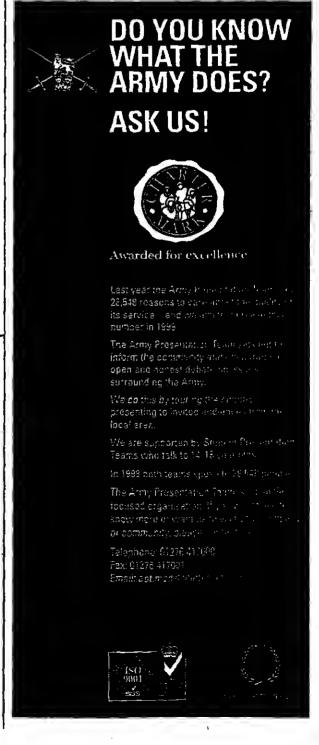
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NEWS

Straw in adoption call

■ Jack Straw was at the centre of a storm last night after saying that more teenage mothers should give up their babies for adoption. The Home Secretary blamed "well-meaning but misguided" social workers for over-estimating the ability of many young women to cope with the financial and emotional burdens of motherhood...

Meeting at the altar

■ It was billed as a "scientific experiment in love" and after an intimate ceremony attended only by close family, friends and a national television company, the guinea pigs in Britain's first "blind" wedding were declared man and wife. Carla Germaine, 23, a model, and Greg Cordell, 28, a sales manager, met for the first time and were married at lpm yesterday after winning a radio competition....

Clinton chaos

Leading Republicans squashed a new attempt to complete President Clinton's trial this week, in a day of plots and accusations that left the impeachment process in Pages i, 15

Kidnap case

A man accused of kidnapping and assaulting two schoolgirls said that he wished that he could turn back the clock Page 1

Gay law plea

A Tory MPmade a call for the reduction of the age of homosexual consent which he said was akin to ending slavery Page 2

Extradition request

Yemen asked Britain to extradite the extremist Muslim deric Sheikh Abu Hamza al Masri. whom it accuses of masterminding the kidnap of 16 Western tourists last month

Race gang death

Michael Menson, the black musician who died after being found on fire in the street, was the victim of a racist gang linked to a series of such attacks.......Page 5

'Mad cow' inquest

A single meal of beef may have been responsible for the death of the first known victim of the human brain disorder linked to "mad cow" disease, an inquest

Road blocker

A lecturer who gave up home and career to be an anti-roads protester was blocking the last stage of a new bypass.....

Spielberg triumph

Steven Spielberg paid tribute to D-Day veterans as Saving Private Ryan was voted best film at the Golden Globe awards Page 9

Houses of art

Two houses overflowing with paintings have been left by a reclusive artist of 90 who refused to sell his work...

Iraq accusation

iraq accused American and British military aircraft of firing missiles into residential areas in the Page 12 port of Basra.....

King's heir

King Hussein of Jordan has ended days of speculation and confirmed by royal decree that his eldest son, Prince Abdullah, 36, is his heir in place of the King's 51-yearold brother, Prince Hassan, who had held the position of Crown Prince for 34 years......Page 13

Mercenary anger

As Sierra Leone's rebels continue to murder priests and missionaries and ampurate the limbs of civilians, battle-hardened mercenaries are vowing their willingness to "do the job for nothing -Page 7 just to finish the rebels". Page 14

Immortality with the mystical 59

■ It was, in its way, like six sixes in an over to win a cricket th or breaking a world record to win a gold medal in the 1,500 metres in the Olympic Games. What David Duval, the American golfer, achieved was nothing less than a slice of sporting immortality. A score of 59 in golf is a mystical figure, a barrier that goes beyond the psychological



David Hockney with his A Closer Grand Canyon, 1998 announcing an exhibition at the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris yesterday.

Driving move: Federal-Mogul made a £3.9 billion offer for Lucas-Varity, the car parts group, in a move to put pressure on the board to discuss a takeover Page 27 Peace efforts: There were frantic. peace efforts at the Mirror Group to try to avoid an outright confrontation within the board over the com-pany's future Page 27 NTL boost: The UK cable industry was given a significant boost when

Microsoft, the US software giant, took a five per cent take in NTL for £300 million Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 index yesterday rose 19.70 points to 5880.9. The pound rose 0.33 cents to \$1.6574 and 0.27p against the euro to 69.75p. The sterling index rose to

Athletics: Mystery surrounds the identity of the British athlete at the centre of a doping scandal, despite the confirmation of a positive drug Football: Stan Collymore intends to seek counselling to help him over-

come "pressures and stress" after

his absence from Aston Villa's fourth round FA Cup match against Fulham____Page 49 Tennis: Andre Agassi, the No 5 seed, was knocked out of the Australian Open by Vince Spadea, the world No 44____ Rowing: The Boat Race is to be sponsored for the next three years by Aberdeen Asset Management. They succeed the gin manufactur-

ers Beefeater, who backed the race

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...Page 34 loves plays..... Classic round-up: The Corydon Singers celebrate Goethe and the LPO brings raw energy to Mahler, while a Manchester audience enjoys a Poulenc party____Page 34 Ladles in waiting: The French artist Ingres found his greatest inspiration in the society women he painted, as the National Gallery's new exhibition reveals ____Page 35 Balls in the air. If you thought juggling was not an ideal medium for

Man of many parts: With no fewer

than five films set for release this

year, why is British actor Jeremy

Northam taking on a London stage

role? The answer is because he

the portrayal of human tragedy, Lionel About and Vincent Bruel prove otherwise.....

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Watching profits wash

whatever happened to.

Newstead Abbey, Lord

Byron's ancestral home

is saved from ruin

the paperless office?

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HOMES

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Page 16 Red for danger: In some people. nosebleeds are all too common. But they can be dangerous ____ Page 16 Thieving nation: Most of us will at some time end up stealing from our ... Pagel7 employers

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MBA: Which business school should you choose?

Quite fascinating, the argument being made by Senate Democrats there is no chance of getting the two thirds vote required to convict President Clinton, so the case should be dismissed

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Preview: Then code-breakers who saved Britain in 1941: Station X (Channel 4, 9pm) Review: Joe Joseph discovers that rising damp

Christians in peril

Asian Christians are under assault as they have not been in living memory, why they should be singled out.....

Samaranch must go

Under Senor Samaranch, the Oiympics have lost direction, vitality and now credibility. If the movement is to be saved, he should resign forthwith _____ Page 19

Young Einsteins

Great science is subversive, bold, and risky - the very qualities of youth. Too much of today's science is conservative and pedestrian, dominated by committees and ___ Page 19

LIBBY PURVES

Admiral Lord Lew in has died; and though he was pushing 80, and i had known him for barely five years, the sense of outraged loss will not fade _____Page 18 SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

We have been, and are still being

led to believe, that the IRA, UVF

and UDA are observing ceasefires.

This is palpable nonsense_Page 18 MICHAEL GOVE The Lawrences deserve to see justice done. I believe, however, that the search for a scapegoat is not jus-

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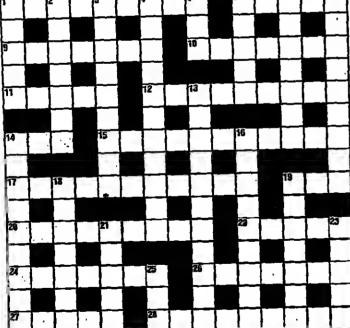
PETER RIDDELL Businessmen have often struggled to make a mark at the very top but they have contributed at the medium level, as Lord Simon and Lord. Sainsbury now are, by providing . private sector insights Page II

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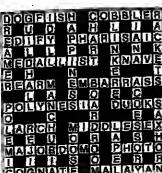
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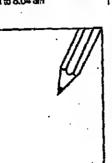
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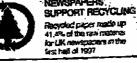
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Mirror directors face showdown today



Montgomery: determined not to resign

MEDIA PORTOR LAST-MINUTE efforts were being made last night to avoid a damaging confrontion at today's board meeting of Mirror Group between Sir Victor Blank, its chairman, and

David Montgomery, the chief executive.

Sir Victor had been expected to put a motion before the board seeking the removal of Mr Montgomery, who has run the newspaper group since the death of Robert Maxwell. Mr Montgomery is determined not to resign and will oppose any attempt to un-seat him. Sir Victor believes that he has the

support of most, if not all, of the comopany's non-executive directors, while Mr Montomery believes that he can rely on the votes of the executive directors.

The dispute comes in the midst of potential takeover hids for the group, which pub-lishes The Mirror, the Sunday Mirror and The People . It also owns Midland Independent Newspapers, the regional publisher.

Regional Independent Media, publisher of the Yorkshire Post, is awaiting more information in the hope of making a formal bid. possibly in excess of its offer of £913 million. or 200p a share, already on the table.

The situation is being closely watched by

Trinity, the largest UK regional newspaper group, which withdrew from talks on an allshare deal at about 160p.

The move against Mr Montgomery is being fuelled by the fact that he is seen as a barrier to a deal with Trinity, something that appeals to Phillips & Drew, the largest Mirror shareholder, with a 22 per cent stake.

It is believed that Sir Victor and other Mirror directors were being advised last night that a formal vote that would split the board would not be in the interests of the company or its shareholders.

A Mirror takeover by RIM or Trinity would lead to an automatic reference to the

Monopolies and Mergers Commission, A full inquiry could take up to the six months. It was unclear last night whether Sir Victor, who became chairman of Mirror Group six months ago, will seek a confrontation at today's meeting. If he does, one tactic for Mr Montgomery would be to seek a postponement with the backing of executive directors. Legal and General, a 4.4 per cent Mirror shareholder, yesterday asked to meet Sir Victor. The insurance company feels that Phil-lips & Drew seems to be driving the agenda.

Banks express surprise at terms of review

BY RICHARD MILES BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BANKS gave a cautious welcome yesterday to the terms of the Government's review of banking services, but ex-pressed surprise that Donald Crnickshank, the reriew's head, had sought to nclude cross-selling in his

Mr Cruickshank, a former telecommunications regulator and chairman of the Action 2000 millennium bug campaign, also quashed rumours that the Treasury was considering the imposi-

bank profits While Mr Cruickshank emphasised that his inquiry would focus on competition issues, he said there were already grounds for investigating four distinct areas: lending to small businesses, mon-cy transmission, credit cards and joint supply, which in-cludes cross-selling.

"It may not appear as a rallying cry to address the things consumers have said they are concerned about overcharging poor service and the failure to under stand needs of small businesses. But alleged failings like these can only be addressed by first understanding the competitive structure

of the industry," he said. Mr Cruickshank will make international comparisions on innovation, competition and efficiency in the UK banking sector. He will also look at whether the Government should consider intervening in the industry. Bankers said they were surprised at the inclusion

within the review of joint supply - the common practice of bundling different products together such as Suildings insurance with a mortgage, or a personal loan with a current account. Control of the credit card network among merchandis-ers will also come under Mr Cruickshank's scrutiny. In the US, the Department of Justice has argued that Visa and MasterCard's domination of the credit card network has been

anti-competitive.

Social exclusion and consumer redress, however, fall outside the scope of his remit. The deadline for submissions to the review is Febmary 26. He expects to make his final report by the end of the year. Commentary, page 29

Pressure put on Lucas to discuss £4bn bid

BY PAUL DURMAN ...

tion of a windfall tax on growing American car parts group, is trying to force Lucas-Varity into takeover talks by setting out terms of a conditional offer worth £3.9 billion. LucasVarity, which makes braking and electronic syst.

ems, has rejected an offer of cash and Federal-Mogul stock worth 280p a share. This is 36p more than LucasVarity's closing price yesterday of 244p -Federal-Mogul said it was

fold in writing yesterday that Lucas varity was "not willing to enter into discussions". The US group hopes that Schroders and other leading UK investors will put pressure on Victor Rice, Lucas Varity's chief executive, to hold talks. Dick Snell, chairman and

chief executive of Federal-Mogul, said: Having been rebuffed, we are making this announcement to allow share-holders to know about it and to do with it what they think best." Federal-Mogul's offer isconditional on it being given an opportunity to conduct due diligence checks and the recommendation of the Lucas-Varity board.

In a letter to Mr Rice and Ed Wallis, Lucas Varity's chairman, Mr Snell said the 280p.a share offer was a 40 per cent premium to the market price before recent takeover specula-tion. This is a full price which would offer compelling value to your shareholders and in our judgment is worthy of their consideration, he wrote.

"We are dismayed at your refusal to grant us confirmatory due diligence, particularly since our principal concern in any such investigation would be to test the reasonableness of the assumptions under-lying items such as the pension fund surplus, rather than any detailed assessment of commercially sensitive areas within your company." LucasVarity's treatment of

FEDERAL-MOGUL, the fast- been of concern to its pensioners and employees.

Taking over the larger Lucas-Varity would enable Mr Snell to achieve the big hairy audacious goal" he has set for Feder-al-Mogul of becoming a \$10 bil-lion company by 2002. He said a deal would create a \$13 billion industry leader.
Federal-Mogul, with inter-

ests that embrace connecting rods, engine bearings, pistons, camshafts and chassis components, has grown rapidly through a series of acquisitions, including the £1.5 billion takeover of T&N two years ago. LucasVarity's formal resp-

onse was limited to a reiteration of its statement earlier this month that it was in "prelimin-ary discussions . . . with a number of companies in connection with a wide range of strategic alternatives, including joint ventures, acquisitions, dispositions, alliances and mergers or other combinations".

The company and its financial advisers, Lazard Brothers and Morgan Stanley, did not respond to calls for comment. Federal-Mogul is being advised by Merrill Lynch, the investment bank that gave Lucas-Varity a third opinion when it sought to convert itself into a US company last autumn.

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Brian Larcombe, chief executive of 3i, wants to obtain Electra at a significant discount

3i overtures lift Electra

BY RICHARD MILES

SHARES in Electra Investment Trust yesterday soured 119p to 682Mp on confirmation that it has had "an unsolicited approach" from 3i, its main rival in the venture capital field. 3i opened talks with Electra

on a possible El billion-plus takeover a fortnight ago, but the two have reached deadlock on price and the value of unquoted investments in Electra's portfolio.

Brian Larcombe, 3i's chief executive, is seeking to buy El-

ectra at a significant discount to its net asset value (NAV). Before yesterday's gains, Electra was trading at a wide dis-count, estimated at 17 per cent. Michael Stoddart, Electra's

chairman, who earned more than £1 million last year induding performance boous, is arguing for a premium to NAV. The trust's manager, Electra Fleming — a 50/50 joint venture with Robert Fleming, the investment bank — could also be an obstacle.

merger to form a venture capitalist with assets of nearly £5 billion would enhance value for both sets of shareholders. On one estimate, 3i investors would gain about 50p a share. Rolly Crawford, of ABN Amro, said the extra El billion of assets would also secure 3i's place in the FISE 100 index.

Investment analysts said a

Feeling the pinch, page 28 Commentary, page 29 lion to buy Newcastle United
Tempus, page 30 Football Club.

Mirror shares rose 9p to 207p yesterday. Commentary, page 2 Microsoft acquires

£300m

stake in

NTL for

THE UK cable industry was given a significant boost yester-day when Microsoft, the US software giant, acquired a 5 per cent stake in NTL for \$500 million (£300 million).

By CHRIS AYRES

The deal will help to improve the image of the UK cable industry, which is finally beginning to show signs of life after years of turmoil and slow growth. As part of the deal, Mi crosoft and NTL will form a "technology group" that will look at ways of developing ultra-fast Internet services and interactive television.

Shares in NTL, which is quoted on the Nasdaq stock market despite operating almost exclusively in the UK. rose nearly 25 per cent in early trading to a high of \$84°s. The company plans to float in Lon-don later this year. Shares in Britain's other two big cable companies - Cable & Wireless Communications and Telewest -- also made significant gains, rising 4 and 10 per cent

respectively.

Barclay Knapp, president of NTL, said: "Microsoft believes in our vision of bringing advanced digital Internet, telephone and television services to consumers and businesses throughout the UK."

Under the terms of the deal, Microsoft will buy convertible preferred stock in NTL, which is redeemable in cash or common stock ten years after its issue date. Microsoft will also receive 1.2 million five-year warrants to purchase NTL shares at \$84 per share, potentially taking the software giant's stake in the cable company up to 6.3 per cent. NTL said the software company's anti-trust battle with the US Government would not affect the deal. Late last year, NTL said it was prepared to offer £160 mil-

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Bankers Trust pays \$1.1bn in bonuses

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BANKERS TRUST paid out \$1.1 billion (£667 million) in bonuses excluding salaries last year, according to documents filed with the US Federal Re-

serve. The payouts amount to more than 10 per cent of the \$10.1 billion market value of the bank and exceed Bankers Trust's 1998 profits of \$960 million.

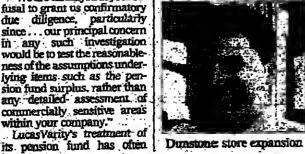
The bank previously said its total compensation bill for last year amounted to \$1.5 billion. Bankers Trust employs 2,400 in Britain, 1,000 of whom are in Edinburgh. The total workforce is 20,000.

The bonus bonanza has come to light in conjunction with the takeover by Deutsche Bank announced last year. Deutsche has traditionally operated a more austere pay regime than its Wall Street rivals. At the time of the takeover there was speculation that Deutsche Bank would attempt to push Bankers Trust bonus-

es down to cut costs. Frank Newman, the execu-tive chairman who will join Deutsche's board, was forced to send out a memo saying: "Until the merger closes, Bankers Trust will continue to operate independently and bonuses and promotions for 1998 will be approved in our nor-

mal process." Mr Newman pledged to set aside \$400 million in "retention money" to keep key em-ployees. Nevertheless, up to 5,500 jobs could be cut in an attempt to save \$1 billion per year after combining operations of the two banks in London and New York.

Carphone Warehouse expects float



By CHRIS AYRES

CHARLES DUNSTONE, the 34-year-old founder and managing director of The Carphone Warehouse, yesterday said a flotation of the mobile phone chain was "inevitable" as he announced the purchase of Z/O Tandy electrical stores from InterTAN, the US company. The deal, thought to be worth no more than £10 milWarehouse to cope with the chasing experience. This deal enormous demand for pre-pay will ease the pressure a little bit." mobile phones, which has resulted in some of the compa-

ny's customers waiting one and a half hours to be served. "It got to the point in Decem-ber when we could not have physically dealt with more sales," said Mr Dunstone, whose personal fortune is estimated at £25 million. "We were putting up with it, but it was far lion, will allow The Carphone from what we wanted as a pur-

will ease the pressure a little bit." Mr Dunstone said he was aware he could realise a significant amount of money by floating The Carphone Warehouse during the current craze for mobile phones. However, he said that no City advisers had yet

been appointed and that a flotation was unlikely this year. Mr Dunstone said Tandy's management and brand would stay, but the stores would under-

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go a £20 million facelift. He said Tandy could eventually see mobile phones take up to 50 per cent of sales, and would widen its product range to sell phones from all networks.

The combined group will have 450 stores across the UK and 139 on the Continent. The acquisition of Tandy will boost The Carphone Warehouse's estimated sales for the year to March 1999 from £250 million to more than £350 million.

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Venture capitalists start to feel the pinch

31'S proposed £1 billion-plus takeover of Electra Investment Trust, its main rival in the UK's £40 billion venture capital market, comes as the demand for private equity shows the first signs

Although the British Venture Capital Association, the main industry body, will not publish 1998 figures until April, the consensus among market analysts is that the volume of larger deals has declined in the past six months.

Mike Wright, of the Centre for Management Buy-Out Research at the University of Nottingham, said last sum-mer's crisis of confidence in world markets, coupled with the confinued financial unrest in Latin America, has blunted investors' appetite for risk. Moreo3i's offer for Electra is timely, says Richard Miles

ver, the huge weight of money in the market has pushed up the price of entry and inevitably led to a reduction in returns. So poor are the prospects say some analysts, that many institutions have indicated that they would like to

withdraw from the market. "There are a lot of funds in the market and few good, big deals. The second half of the year was bad for the mega-deals, say £100 million or above. But for the smaller deals, it's not too bad," Mr Wright said. If his analysis is correct, then the market circumstances lend weight to 3i's talks with Electra. 3i thrives on smaller private equity deals: its £2 billion plus portfolio consists of 3,200 distinct investments. Electra. by comparison, says it has

just 80 significant investments in unquoted companies. Electra Fleming -the 50:50 joint venture with Robert Fleming, the investment bank, that manages Electra - prefers to target larger deals. For example, it supported the Tote in its unsuccessful £375 mil-

lion bid for Coral, the bookmaker. A's main strength, however, is that its shares trade at a substantial premium to net asset value - estimated at 17 per cent by some experts - while Elec-tra traded at a similarly wide discount, at least before yesterday's remarkable share gains after confirm-

ing 3i's "unsolicited" approach.

Rolly Crawford, ABN Amro's head of investment trusts, said 3i's signific-ant premium would make a deal assetenhancine for both sets of shareholders. He estimates that 3i shareholders would benefit by about 50p a share, while Electra investors would gain from the elimination of the discount.

Much has been made of how the proposed takeover would strengthen 3i's international operations — Electra has reinforced its continental network over the past few years - but in Mr

Crawford's view, that is no more than a minor consideration in the thinking of Brian Larcombe, chief executive. Far more important is 3i's determi-

nation to remain in the FTSE 100 index and the benefits that such a position brings. A further £1 billion of assets would make the company safe from newcomers, and so help to pre-

serve the premium on which it trades. Of course, the deal may never get off the ground. Besides arguing about Elec-tra's net asset value of Electra, Michael Stoddart, its chairman, is believed to be holding out for a premium on its underlying investments - even though it trades at such a wide discount.

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Pearson's unwanted **American** activities put under hammer

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

PEARSON, the media and information group, yesterday put up for sale a collection of American information businesses it does not want which have annual revenues of about \$250 million (£150 million).

The businesses, which include Jossey-Bass, specialists in management publishing, Appleton & Lange, which publishes medical texts and The Bureau of Business Practice, were all part of Pearson's \$4.6 billion acquisition last November of the Simon & Schuster education, reference and business and professional operations.

The seven businesses now being sold were to have formed part of a proposed sale of some of the Simon & Schuster activities to Hicks. Muse Tate & Furst, the US private equity firm, for \$960 million. Hicks, Muse decided

against going ahead with the purchase and Pearson bought the whole lot.

The UK company, whose chief executive is Marjorie Scardino, has decided to keep a were to have formed part of the Hicks, Muse purchase - in par-Publishing which will now form part of Pearson Edocation.

Pearson is also keeping the New York Institute of Finance which will become part of Pearson's newly created Management Education business: The seven businesses, which are being sold piece-meal and could fetch between

\$300 million and \$350 million, include Macmillian Gen eral Reference, which publishes a full range of reference ti-ties, and Macmillan Library Reference, which sells premi-um-priced quality reference materials to libraries and higher education institutions.

UK facility to help Indonesian firms

A BRITISH rescue measure that is aimed at helping Indonesian businesses to survive the regional economic turmoil has finally been announced - months after other turmou has imally been announced — months after other countries stepped in to provide assistance. The UK Government said yesterday that it will provide a multimillion pound facility to encourage sales to Indonesian companies, overcoming the fear that the Indonesians may not be able to pay their bills.

Through its Export Credits Guarantee Department

Through its Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), the Government will provide reinsurance that will allow private sector credit insurers to resume the financing of British exports to Indonesia. The private sector had effectively placed the country on a short-term credit blacklist. Brian Wilson, Minister for Trade, said: "Indonesia has traditionally been one of Britain's major trading partners. Although the country is experiencing some serious economic difficulties at present, we remain hopeful that it will pull through before too long."

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However, the United States, Australia and Japan put similar safeguards in place months ago, the ECGD spokesman admitted. The ECGD said that the UK deal had been held up partly by the Indonesian Government's reluctance to act as a guarantor for its firms. Short-term credit insurance used to be managed by the UK Government itself before a privatisation in 1991. The World Bank gave warning vesterday that nolitical unrest in Indonesia was warning yesterday that political unrest in Indonesia was slowing down the pace of vital financial and corporate re-

Freeserve restructure

DIXONS, the electricals retail group, is setting up a subsidiary company to manage Freeserve, its fast-growing Internet access business. John Clare, chief executive of Dixons, will chair Freeserve Ltd, of which Mark Danby will be chief executive. Dixons' announcement earlier this month that it had attracted 900,000 users since its launch in September has led to a sharp rise in its share price. Another separate company, Dixons Group Retail Property Ltd. is being set up to manage the property portfolio, while the retail part of the group is to be divided into three divisions.

Hill Hire seeks £1.8m

HILL HIRE, the truck and trailer rental firm based in Brad-HILL HIRE, the truck and trailer rental term based in Bradford, yesterday announced the placing of almost 1.5 million new shares to raise approximately £1.8 million. These proceeds will be used to reduce the group's gearing, which stood at £80 per cent at the end of last year. After the placing, it will be reduced to approximately £60 per cent, which the company said was "a level which is within industry norms and which provides scope for future development". The company also said it expects to declare a final dividend of 3.2p per share in May.

P&O orders ferries

P&O, the transport group, has ordered the world's two largest and fastest cruise ferries from Fincantieri, the Italian yard, at a cost of £180 million. The cruise ferries, which will operate on the route between Rotterdam and Hull, will have a maximum speed of 22 knots, reducing the journey time by two and a half hours. They will replace four vessels now operating that route, which will be deployed elsewhere. The ferries will be able to carry 1,360 passengers, have room for 250 cars and house a cinema and business centre.

Thomson buys chain

presence by buying the Callers-Pegasus retail chain for £17 million. The deal, to be earnings enhancing this year, brings TTG a business with 34 travel shops in northeast England, a flight centre in Newcastle and a small tour operator. Focus Holidays. In the year to October 31, it sold almost 200,000 airinclusive tours, reporting profits before tax and exceptionals of EL1 million. TTG said its aquisition is to be run on a standalone basis alongside its 800-strong Lunn Poly chain.

Trafficmaster link

TRAFFICMASTER, the traffic information supplier, has formed a £1 million joint venture with the Royal Automobile Club to develop a range of network services for motorists, including navigation assistance, public transport details and access to breakdown services. Trafficmaster and the RAC will inject £500,000 each into the venture, called RAC Trafficmaster Telematics. Bill McIntosh, finance director of Trafficmaster, said the deal was expected to be earnings neutral for his-

Wintrust earnings rise

WINTRUST, the merchant banking group, has reported a 10.5 per cent rise in net earnings to £1.47 million for the six months to September 30. Richard Szpiro, chairman; said yes terday that Wintrust had benefited from the bigger institu-tions' waning interest in debt packages of less than £10 mil-lion, opening the door to smaller lenders. He said this had been crucial in insulating Wintrust against the downturn in many sectors. Earnings per share rose to 14.59p (13.28p). There is an interim dividend of 5.35p (4.94p).

HR Owen's £2m buy

HR OWEN, the car dealer, has bought Bradshaw Webb, a Mercedes-Benz dealership, for £2.2 million in shares and cash. Bradshaw Webb, a franchised dealership based in Chelsea and Wandsworth, will add to Owen's three Mercedes-Benz businesses, which trade as Malaya. In 1997, Bradshaw Webb had consolidated losses of £105,966, and net assets of £122,781. It is 75 per cent owned by Colin Giltrap, Owen's nonexecutive deputy chairman, who receives £1.1 million of new shares, lifting his Owen stake from 4.2 per cent to 8.5 per cent.

Glenmorangie deal

GLENMORANGIE, the Scotch whisky producer, has joined forces with LVMH, the French luxury goods and drinks group, to develop its business in China. LVMH has paid \$1.2 group, to develop its business in China. LVMrs has paid \$1.2 million (£725,000) in return for a 39 per cent stake in Glenmorangie's existing joint venture, set up in 1992 to distribute its Glemorangie and Highland Queen brands as well Jin Man Ying, a locally produced white spirit. As a result, the Scottish group's stake is reduced from 60 per cent to 39 per cent and its Chinese partner emerges with 22 per cent

Chinese devaluation hint hits markets

Growth figures cut back

ernment hinted that it may be

the next major emerging econo-

for a holiday, a fresh bout of market nerves was prompted by an article in the Chinese

press arguing that devaluation

may not prove too damaging

for Asian economies. The arti-

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changes would affect the projections that salesmen use when selling life and pensions policies. and unit and investment trust savings schemes.
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Projectioo rates were last changed in Novem-ber 1993 and their use in the sales process is strict-

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

SHARES in Hong Kong and China suffered big losses yesterday after the Chinese Govstrictly controlled by the Government, and analysts said that publication of the piece suggested that a devaluation debate has begun within the Covernment,

However, suggestions that China is on the point of devaluation brought an immediate denial from the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, which said that the article merely reflected a "private opinion" and that there had been no change in the Government's protective stance.
The report, however, took its

toll on local markets, with analysts fearful that a devaluation would also force the Hong Kong dollar to abandon its US dollar peg and prompt another round of damaging competitive devaluations across Asia. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong fell 239.02, or 25

per cent, to close at 9.499.50. Sentiment was also harmed by figures that showed November retail sales in the special administrative region falling 20 per cent from a year earlier. In Shanghai, the "B" share index, which is open to foreign

investors, slipped 3.1 per cent to end at a record low. The Chinese market has also been under pressure since the collapse of Guandong International Trust and Investment Corporation earlier this month.

Most analysts, however, said that China is under no immediate pressure to follow Brazil's example. Although export growth is faltering. China still runs a healthy trade surplus and has massive foreign reserves to protect its only partially convertible currency.



Marjorie Scardino, with Madame Tussand's waxwork of Shakespeare, is selling businesses couple of the businesses that

Pep sales stay strong

By Susan Emmett

PRIVATE investors shrugged off market turmoil and continued to plough their cash into unit trusts and personal equity plans in 1998, according to a

survey published yesterday. Figures from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) showed that the amount of money invested in Peps and unit trusts rose by 16 per cent to £183 billion by the

end of last year. Nearly two

million private investors saved £1.6 billion in 1998.

Peps, which will be replaced by individual savings accounts in April. accounted for more than 25 per cent of funds under management. Total Pep sales in 1998 reached a record £11 billion, up 18 per cent on

the previous year.

Not retail sales of unit trusts in December were up 35 per £596 million. Net retail Pep sales reached £368 million, a 30 per cent increase on 1997. However, Philip Warland, di-rector-general of Autif, questioned whether Isas would have the same appeal. Mr Warland said: "Isas will be more complicated and people will have to be persuaded that they are like Peps. But I will be disappointed if the gross level of sales are not

similar to this year."

Ford extends four-day week

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FORD will today deliver a fresh blow to workers at its Dagenham plant, with a lengthy extension of its short-time working and a three-week do-

sure over Easter. Ford's Dagenham plant. which employs 4,400, has al-ready completed the longest period of short-time working in recent industrial history. It has been working a four-day week since October, it will now continue until the end of March, a period that will then run into complete closure over Easter.

Ford will blame poor exports for the short-time working. Da-genham is its biggest UK factory, producing the Fiesta and relying heavily on the export marker. Workers will be given either training or other duties during the short-time periods and will not suffer pay cuts.

But unions are concerned

said: "We need a long-term solution to this problem, not the piecemeal approach we have had up until now. Further short-time working will only increase insecurity and con-cern among the workforce. Four thousand and four hundred jobs depend on a decision to meet the problems in the

long term. Tony Woodley, chief negotia-tor for the T&G. said: There is very intense competition in the marketplace, especially for cars such as the Fiesta. However, while our members may be prepared to live with these cutbacks in the short term, we have to look to the long term."

Ford declined to comment. Today unions will press Rover not to close its only automotive components factory in South Wales. Rover said last week that the future of the Bargoed plant

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Banana row threat to jobs

By CARL MORTISHED

THOUSANDS of jobs in Scottish Borders woollen mills were hanging in the balance last night as diplomats wrangled in Geneva over the agenda at a World Trade Organisation meeting on the long-running banana dispute. In a surprise move St Lucia,

the Dominican Republic and Cote d'Ivoire blocked the US request for \$520 million (£315 million) of punitive tariffs against European exports. The US is claiming damages over the EU banana regime, which it claims applies illegal quotas in favour of Caribbean and African bananas. The three states to block the US request are members of the African Caribbean Pacific group of states favoured by the EU banana regime.

Failure to agree an agenda means that the meeting will reconvene this morning. But the US was last night still opposing about continued uncertainty at the plant. Doug Collins, nacould go — nearly half of which or at the AEEU. are filled by disabled workers.

US was last night still opposing a compromise put forward by Renato Roggiero, the WTO Di-

rector-General. Trade experts say failure to secure US agreement to the compromise could

mean unilateral US sanctions from as early as February 3. The sanctions requested by the US will hit an indiscriminate range of exports including Scottish cashmere knitwear, pecorino cheese, chande-



Banana growers blocked US

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Ericsson cuts 11% of staff

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

ERICSSON is cutting its work-force by 11 per cent worldwide in a bid to increase efficiency and restore its flagging profita-

The Swedish telecoms manufacturer is cutting its 104,000 strong workforce by 11,000 and hopes to save SKr3 billion per year after completion of the two-year redundancy programme. The company re-fused to say how many of its 3,500 workers in the UK were threatened by redundancy. Ericsson has a headquarters in Burgess Hill, West Sussex. and owns a manufacturing fa-

cility in Lincolnshire.
A profits warning in December highlighted the company's problem, both in public net-works where it suffers from reduced demand for fixed telephony products and increased competition for business from state utilities. Furthermore, Ericsson's mobile phone busi-ness has suffered from the surge in demand for cheap, pre-paid models.

A spokesman admitted yes-terday that the jobs toll could

get larger as Ericsson switched to buying in standardised equipment and technology. "There will certainly be further outsourcing." Ericsson said the job losses related to technological change, requiring the com-pany to switch to less labour-intensive production methods and a smaller workforce. "Ericsson is facing a comprehensive technological shift. For example, all of Europe's large telecom networks are digitised today, and the next wave of investments will focus on Inter-

net-based network structures." The company said that 3,300 jobs would be lost in Sweden with the closure of production at a plant in Nortkoping. The bulk of the 11,000 jobs to go worldwide will be in the network operators business, the core business serving large utilities.

Gremlin in takeover talks TAKEOVER fever gripped the er of titles such as Men in British computer games sector yesterday as Gremlin, produc-

Sears

The article on the takeover of Sears by JIL (Business News, January 22) did not take proper account of a 10 for I share consolidation and, as a result, gave incorrect valuations for outstanding share opoons. Sears has asked us to point out the options will not generate any profits.

Black, revealed that it was in bid talks with "a number of interested parties", thought to in-clude Electronic Arts of the US (Chris Ayres writes). Shares of Gremlin, which re-

cently disappointed the market with a profits warning, rose 260 to 100p, leaving the company valued at £19 million. Industry sources said other potential bidders for Gremlin could include Havas, the media arm of Vivendi, the French

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he shenanigans at Mirror

Group would make the most hardened of tabloid journalists squirm. The chairman and chief executive of a pub-

lic company have been stugging it out through the columns of the

press in a manner generally only employed by Government minis-ters and their anonymous spokes-

Surely the time has come for

the soothing voice of a spin doc-

tor to persuade both parties that this undignified behaviour is doing nothing for the image of either of them. While there may be some supporters of each who are

enjoying the speciacle, and even encouraging it, the majority of the electorate, in this case the

shareholders must be concerned about the implications for the country, or at least, their company and their investment in it.

Mirror Group last year and was, apparently, far from impressed by what he found as he turned

the pages. He rightly stamped his foot on plans for an expensive

launch of Sporting Life which was to have proceeded without

adequate research into the mar-ketplace. Relations with his chief

executive have, perhaps not sur-

prisingly, failed to prosper ever

David Montgomery may not be the ideal chief executive to

take Mirror forward but, to out-

side speciators, now may not be the ideal moment to dispense

Sir Victor Blank strode into

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that bridged the gap between telecommunications and software and hardware

consumer phenomenon."



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with his services. Whether Mirror eventually lands with Trinity or Regional Independent Media or any other suitor, the likeli-bood is that it will first have to undergo the months of uncertainty necessitated by a Monopolies Commission inquiry. Someone will have to run the business dur-ing that time. John Allwood, the former finance director now running Mirror's regional titles, might be perfectly able to slip into the role, but that would leave his chair to fill. An MMC inquiry is not the easiest environment in which to recruit top talent and it also makes enormous demands on the team that is in situ. Mirror may benefit from maintaining the status quo a fit-

. That, of course, would not be easy, given the depths to which relations appear to have sunk. But while the calls for Monty's head have been loud they have not been unanimous. Some shareholders may be bemused by the way in which Trinity as-sumed most favoured bidder status despite an offer which appeared to value Mirror at rather less than the Candover-backed

cash from RIM. With the executive directors

now caught in the cross-fire, the atmosphere at Mirror's Canary
Whair headquarters may now
have been soured too much for
any compromise to be possible. But if Sir Victor and Mr Montgomery were able to shake hands and declare a cease fire, at least temporarily, it could be to

Then the bidders could be left to get on with the fighting.

Bank on Don to take a gap year

onald Cruickshank has the awesome responsibility of making sure that the dawning of the new millennium does not wreak havoc across the nation. That is hardly enough to keep a former telecoms regulator fully occupied: Mr Cruick-shank only needs two days a week to beat the bug. Now he has found

couple of days each week: he is going to sort out Britain's banks. Banks tend to feature high on the hit list of most governments, being a favourite subject for consumer gripes. If the time is not right to hit them with a windfall tax, then a tough-sounding in-quiry is not a had alternative. Mr Cruickshank has at least

Monty can do without a Blank check

found some new avenues of investigation to pursue alongside the inevitable inquest into whether or not the banks are failing in their duty to provide finance for small firms. The 'equity gap' is the abominable snowman of the financial world, an elusive beast which some otherwise sane indi-viduals will insist exists despite all evidence to the contrary. Mr Cruickshank's quest for the mythical gap is going to take him to Germany, France and the United States to see whether it is still in existence in those countries. But before he concludes that it is thriving in London, he should seek confirmed sightings rather

than mere anecdotal evidence. We all know that James Dyson encountered the gap, or some thing very similar to it, when he tried to launch his vacuum cleaner but where are the other victims? Multimillionaire Mr Dyson does not seem too badly

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scarred by the experience.
Indeed, since he succeeded in
maintaining ownership of his
business rather than handing over large chunks of equity in return for funding, he could be said to have benefited from his original difficulties in raising funding for his project.

Mr Cruickshank is more likely to dig up ammunition against the banks when he wanders away from the equity gap to look at the issues surrounding credit card handling and the payments demanded of retailers for this service. The larger organisations such as supermar-kets can look after themselves when it comes to agreeing terms with the operating networks but

smaller businesses have long re-

sented the charges. Mr Cruickshank is also suspicious of the way banks aim to bundle their products together. They like to dress it up as offering additional services to customers but it does not always feel

Nothing ventured, nothing gained

tal is the raison d'être of 3i, and it has a good record of spotting winners. However much research goes into deciding to back one of the hundreds of companies that trek to 3i's Waterloo offices every year, there is also an element of luck and of good timing ement of luck and of good timing in the venture capital industry.

Clearly, in its approach to Electra, 3i was hoping it had both on its side. The idea of the bid is rooted more in opportunism than enormous synergies. Electra is responding accordingly, making clear that its response will not be based on principle but on price. If Brian Larcombe thinks that he can pick up Electra at a wide discount to net assets, then he is being something of an optimistic. If

venture capital business can command a chunky premium to as-sets in this sort of climate, then he is sharing the pink spectacles. Electra is operating in an in-

Michael Stoddart thinks that a

creasingly competitive market. Its reluctance to join the dizzy rush to chase up prices for big deals has left it looking somewhat laid-back of late. Far better that than to be suffering the after effects now being experienced by CinVen as it realises that rivals were right to marvel at the price it was prepared to pay for maga-zine publisher IPC.

Bringing Electra on board would bolster 3i and give it the weight to ensure its continuing presence in the FTSE 100. But its assets may also appeal to other wealthy venture capitalists in search of a deal.

Bleak House

AFTER the extraordinarily rapid demise of Sears, the hunt is on for the next retail takeover target. Anyone expecting it to be House of Fraser is heading for disappointment. There are better bar-gains to be found in the stores than in HoF shares. Despite the recent, relatively bullish, trading statement from the company, Fraser does not offer the neat break-up potential that Philip Green will quickly extract at Sears. The Fayed brothers knew what they were doing when they sold HoF and kept Harrods.

Renamed Lonrho to pursue Elbn merger

LONRHO, which is to change its name to Lonmin after sheelding all but its mining businesses in the last year, is to pursue a £1 billion merger with can from taking a 30 per cent Implats, the South African stake in Lourho, Anglo's voting platinum group, if European regulators allow it.

The European Court has been considering an appeal by

Implats against a ruling two years ago which effectively stopped Implats' parent company at the time, Anglo Amerirights were restricted and it eventually sold the stake back to Lonrho at a loss last year. . Implats retains a 27 per cent

stake in Lonrho Platimum, the largest and most profitable part

of Lourho after the restructure. Sir John Craven, Lonrho's chairman, said yesterday that Lontho either wants to pursue a merger with implats, so creating the world's second-largest plannum miner, or else buy out the minority stake in Lon-

largest outstanding issue in the process of reshaping Lonrho which has been going on for the past two years. Last year Lontho sold its hotels operations, demerged its African trading side and expanded Dulker, the coalminer in which it has a 70 per cent

stake, through a merger with its rival, Tavistock. Sir John also ruled out selling the company's 33 per cent in Ashanti, the Ghanaian gold mining business, saying it

rho Platinum, a deal that could

cost Lonrho up to £100 million.

[European Court] case is heard,

we will then go into discussions with Implats," said Sir John. The cleaning up of the rela-tionship with Implats is the

When the outcome of the

sight into the gold business. The strength of platinum caused by demand for its use in catalytic convertors and worries about suppliers from Russia - boosted Lonrho's results

in the year to September 30. Profits from continuing operations rose from £49 million to £81 million. Pre-tax profits fell from £196 million to £84 million, but these figures were distorted by a combination of profits from the sale of businesses and the £69 million write-off of the group's investment in Hondo, a gas explora-

Earnings per share, before exceptionals, rose from 24.4p to 41%p and a final dividend of 10p makes a total of 17.2p.

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Monsoon's shares hit by fall in profit

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

MONSOON, the clothing retailer that floated last year, reported a sharp drop in interim profits yesterday, causing its shares to slide to a new low.

Pre-tax profits in its half year to November 28 fell from £14.97 million to £11.82 million. Like-for-like sales in the half were down 6 per cent, and in the following seven weeks they fell 9 per cent.

Monsoon shares closed down 9p at 46%p. The company was floated at 198p a share last February, when Peter Simon, its founder, sold 25 per

cent of the company.

After fully diluted earnings per share of 4.4p (\$.65p pro formal, the company will pay a 1.5p maiden interim dividend. Andrew May, finance director, said that despite the "frus-trating" share price, there was

pany private again.

Field the target of second US packaging group

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

FIELD GROUP, the specialist packaging company, has become the object of a tug-of-war between two rival US bidders after Shorewood Packaging said it was considering mounting a challenge to last week's £194 million takeover offer from Chesapeake,

Following yesterday's an-nouncement, shares in Field, which rose 23p to 3161/2p on Thursday after Chesapeake an-nounced its 320p bid, rose a

further 21p to close at 3374p. Directors of Field, who sent an offer document to share-holders on Friday recommending Chesapeake's offer, yesterday advised shareholders to take no action until details of a new counter-bid had been

Shorewood, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, specialises in producing packaging for the computer software, cosmetics and toi-letries, food and home entertainment markets in North America and China. It is thought to have been attracted to Field's strength in the European pharmaceutical packaging market. Field also has strong market positions in drinks and tobacco packaging, although these businesses have been hit by exposure to the economic turmoil in the

Far East Field has 16 factories in the UK, including sites in Nottingham, Portsmouth, East Kilbride, Newcastle and Thatcham. Shares of Field have fallen over the past 12 months first-half profits and a warning on trading

Internet deals soar to \$145bn

INTERNET-RELATED deals last year totalled \$145 billion (£88 billion), or 30 per cent of all technology merger and acquisition activity worldwide (Raymond Snoddy writes).
The value rose almost ten-

1997, according to the anoual M&A report of Broadview International, the merchant bank specialising in information technology and media. Most deals — 595 in 1998, against 539 in 1997 — were in

North America, but the European total rose from 87 deals in 1997 to 137 last year. Values of mergers involv-ing Internet components

went through the roof. Victor Basta, of Broadview, said: "1998 was the

Chrysalis pays £5.4m for Global

By CHRIS AYRES

THE music publisher owning the rights to such hits as The Jacksons' Don't Blame It On the Boogie, has been bought by Chrysalis, the media group headed by Chris Wright. Global Music Group, a Ger-

man company set up more than 30 years ago by Peter Kirsten, owns 15,000 local and international copyrights. It also has sub-publishing agree-ments for music by artists in-cluding Elvis Presley.

Chrysalis will pay £5.4 million for Global, of which £2.7 million will be covered by issuing 413,699 shares.

Global will change its name to Global Chrysalis Music. Mr Kirsten will sign a twoyear contract to become man-

Bid approach boosts LIG

BY PAUL DURMAN we're on course to go back to

double-digit growth next year. Why sell the company at this

ny's December profits warm-

ing necessitated by produc-tion problems at a medical

gloves factory in Alabama

and the impact of cheap

Under Nick Hodges, the

chief executive, LIG has recov-

ered from its problems in the early 1990s to concentrate on

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rex in the US in an effort to cre-

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are a global brand.

International Group, the manufacturer of Durex condoms, has received an unsolicited approach that may lead to a £650 million

Sir John Craven ruled out selling the company's stake in Ashanti, the Ghanaian business

Shares in LIG, which were strong on Friday, jumped a further 35p to 163½p, a price that values the company at almost £570 million. Ansell Healthcare and

Carter-Wallace, the leading American condom-makers, were regarded as the most likely bidders. LIG said that talks with the potential bidder were at a very

early stage. A spokesman for the company said: it's very preliminary. We are not asking to be taken over. We've stated that

FILTRONIC, the telecoms

Professor David Rhodes, chairman, said the company Shares in LIG reached 231p last July but by last week they had halved in val-ue. This followed the compa-

Filtronic supplies electronic

year to November 30 were 14 per cent ahead at £5.8 million but before interest payments the operating profit was £8.9 million against £5.4 million. Earnings per share fell back to 7.1p from 7.3p, because the company issued shares to help pay for an acquisition.

Shortage of engineers at Filtronic

electronics company, berated the lack of suitably qualified technicians yesterday (writes Robert Cole).

was suffering from a shortage of electronic engineers up to PhD level.

gadgetry to the makers of mo-bile phone handsets and base Pre-tax profits for the half

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US costs to impact on Haynes

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By MATTHEW BARBOUR

HAYNES PUBLISHING, the motor repair manuals producer, has warned shareholders that profits over the coming. year will be reduced because of the financial burden of increasing its share of the US market. The group, whose manuals account for

almost all car repair book sales in Britain. said it has now increased its share of the American market from 60 to 80 per cent.
The announcement came as it posted reduced first-half pre-tax profits of 62.4 million (£25 million) on turnover down at £13.2 million (£13.4 million).

John Haynes, chairman, said: Some-times you have to take a knock on the riose to help yourself in the long term and that is what we have done. We're a tough company and I hope our shareholders understand that we're investing in our future. Over the course of the past six months,

Haynes has replaced its most significant US competitor in two retail chains, comprising more than 1,100 stores. In the six months to November 30, profits in North America, which fell by 17 per cent, were adversely affected when one

large customer ceased trading and a

strike hit its paper supplies.

However, pre-tax profits in the UK and Europe exceeded market expectations, rising 43 per cent despite a shortfall in sales in the second quarter. Mr Haynes said the group had benefited from improved margins and production efficiencies gained from printing more of the manu-Mr Haynes said the group planned to

continue expanding its European and

South American operations over the com-

Earnings per share were down to 9.3p (9.8p), while the interim dividend has been maintained at 5.8p. Shares in Haynes tell 74:p to 1774:p.

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Takeovers make traders forget Chinese turmoil

LONDON shares rebounded from heavy early losses as a fresh wave of takeovers helped the City to forget its fears of a fi-nancial crisis in China.

In the first half hour of trading, the FTSE 100 index fell almost 120 points on word that China would devalue the yuan and trigger a meltdown in Asian currencies.

But after LucasVarity, Electra IT and London International Group confirmed bid approaches, the bulls returned to help the index close up 19.7

LucasVarity's secret was out early on. Its shares closed up 294p to 244p - but trading had closed before it admitted a 280p-a-share approach.

Electra IT is still discussing its price, but its shares added 119p to 6824p — capitalising the company at £1.18 billion.

London International, which was firmly denying wide spread rumours of a takeover approach on Friday, changed its tune in the afternoon and trumpeted an "unsolicited proposal". Some dealers expect a bid at 160p a share; its shares added 35p to 1631/2p.

So who could be next? Speculation surrounded Allied Irish Banks, 25p better at £12.30. Talk centres around Deutsche Bank with a £14.50 a share bid, and some are convinced that the bid will come through by the end of this week.

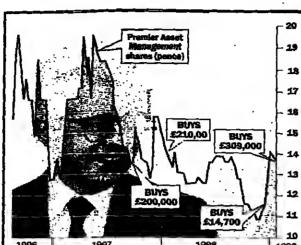
There was plenty of interest in the hotel sector following our report on Saturday that Ladbroke. No off at 215%p, has been talking to Stakis, 11/2p harder at 1061/sp. There are also suggestions that it is keeping an eye on Vann. 11p better at 2441/p.

Shares of Thistle were off 6p at 1001/2p ahead of roday's trading statement, which is expected to disappoint.

Recent whispers of a big acquisition by Granada, 51p better at £10.14, were dampened as it emerged that the media and hospitality group has just cancelled credit lines of almost £400 million.

A City source said: "You can guarantee it would not be can-celling them if it had a big deal up its sleeve.

House of Fraser was up another 8p to 92p. Shami Ahmed, the man behind Joe Bloggs, is reported to be making a bid for the company, but his fans were yesterday bailing out. They believe he is baulking at the share price.



Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United News & Media,

now 80 per cent above last

Rage Software shares leapt 20 per cent to 14%p after confirming that it is in talks with Microsoft about licensing Rund Gullit's Striker, its latest game. Its shares were among the most heavily traded, with 28.6 million changing hands against an average daily volume of 2.1 million. Dealers point out that at yester day's price, the shares are still 10%p - or 42 per cent - off the high achieved in 1995. Some see Rage as a prime takeover candidate.

Its rise was made easier by rival Greenlin Group, which said it had received a takeover approach. This helped its

shares 26p to 100p. This put the market in a



Hang Seng index, London's banking sector was sure to take a beating yesterday.

News of the UK Government's investigation into retail banking pushed the sector further into retreat and six of the worst ten FISE 100 fallers were banks.

course, the supermarkets.

has built up a 125 per cent stake in Premier Asset Management

see-saw relationship be-

tween the banking and

food retailing sectors has

worked more harmonious-

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such as food producers and UK-based leisure and transport stocks. In the past 12 months, the

The risers were a mix of bid targets, telecoms companies (rebounding from Friday's mini-crash) and, of

Whenever investors bale out of the financial sector. they rush straight for the

mood to have a flutter on other computer companies - so cue another 31 per cent rise in On-Line. The computer games company is now at 127/2p far from its 1244p level earlier

this month. One dealer said: "On-line is so small that an early deal of 2,000 shares is enough to move the price. When it's moving up, everyone piles in."

Premier Asset Management, an Ell million AIM-listed stockbroker, has been attracting attention recently mainly because Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United News & Media, has been ploughing a substantial chunk of his personal fortune into the

The company has £320 million under management, and hopes to increase this to El billion within three years. Lord Stevens is its non-executive chairman and must fancy its

Earl Cairns, chairman of Allied Zurich, has also spent £93,300 of his own cash in shares of the newly listed insurer at 933p apiece. They added 9p to 913p yesterday.

Lady in Leisure looked in distress yesterday, falling another 27%p to 95p.
It transpired that Scott

Campbell, its co-founder and until last Friday its managing director, has sold his remaining £625,000 stake at 100p a

His friends and former colleagues did their best to mop them back up, but only took £445,000 at the same price.

But the dealers were still suspicious that Mr Campbell should sell at 100p when the shares were 180p a few weeks

Arena Leisure has been a peculiar little mover of late. Two weeks ago, its shares were 11p apiece. They have been bounding up ever since. another 24p firmer to 16%p yesterday - a move dealers are unable to explain.

GILT-EDGED: Comments

by Eddie George that rates would rise it consumer conti dence recovers sent a chill through the futures pit. Treas-ury 10 per cent 2001 slid 0.16 to 110.19 and Treasury 6 per cent 2028 fell back 0.79 to 130.03. NEW YORK: US blue chips fell, dogged by worries about earnings and Brazil. At midday the Dow Jones indus-trial average was down 33.47 points to 9,087.20.

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Rice feels the heat

IT SEEMS that Victor Rice's attempt to move LucasVarity to the US may yet make money for his shareholders — although not in the way he envisaged. The narrow failure of the car components group to secure investor support for a change of domicile has allowed Federal-Mogul to strike. Federal-Mogul's conditional offer of 280p a share is equal to the best price Lucas Varity's shareholders have seen for all but a few days of the past five years. With manufacturing unpopular, and Mr Rice even more unpopular, many UK investors

will be tempted to accept. Unfortunately, they don't have the option at the moment because Lucas Varity is refusing serious talks with Federal-Mogul while it completes its own strategic review. And the American company will not put its money on the table without being given the chance to perform

"confirmatory due diligence". It is intimated not entirely credibly, that a bostile offer would

be pitched below 280p.
The irony is that Federal-Mogul is the company Mr Rice would like Lucas Varity to begrowing rapidly by making acquisition after acquisition, and well-regarded by its stock market. Lucas Varity was, once again, left looking flat-footed yesterday. Its first evasive statement about discussing "a wide range of strategic alternatives" appeared only shortly before Pederal-Mogul turned up the heat by going public on its bid intentions. Mr Rice must either negotiate with Federal-Mogul, or come up with a better offer.

The breakneck growth may make UK institutions wary of accepting the Federal-Mogul shares as part payment. But it seems that payday is now coming. Hold.

Lonrho

LONRHO is in danger of becoming easy to understand. In the old days it was a complex conglomerate, with all sorts of strange and wonderful businesses, including having a standing army in Mozambique and a joint venture with the Libyans. But at least it paid a good dividend.

Now, having sold its botels and shuffled its randomly performing African trading businesses into Lombo Africa, it is purely and simply a mining company. Having decided to sort out its relationship with Implats, the South African platinum miner, it will be even more focused on precious metals and coal.

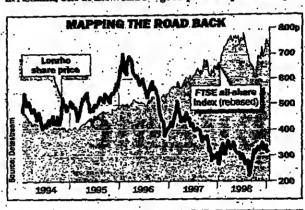
However, it is not all good news. There is a dreadful new name to contend with - Lonmin being a halfway house between the old name and a change of culture. And then

With this new-found simplicity has come a rerating of Lonrho shares. The market

lowest-cost producers of plati-

the famously generous divi- lowest-cost producers of gold, dead is a thing of the past as and will continue to be a low-"Lonmin" starts investing in, cost producer of coal so long as the South African rand

keeps falling. Of course, it is still heavily dependent on commodity prichas come to realise that the es. But, if you feel that the gold company is one of the world's price is stabilising, coal has reached bottom and platinum num, has a 33 per cent stake prices will not fall, Longho is a in Ashanti, one of the world's good place for your money.



Electra

A BID is about the only way that the discount beween Electra Investment Trust's net asset value and the share price will be cleared. But shareholders should think twice before surrendering into the arms of 3i: .

If they take 3i paper they must consider whether 3i shares can continue to buck the norm for investment trusts and trade at a premium to net asset value. They must also be convinced that Electra and 3i together will be better than Electra on its own. If net asset growth at an independent Electra is demonstrably better to stick with the dis-

counted Electra shares. Electra has a better record generating NAV growth than but the past performance differential is not enough to replace a cleared NAV discount. Moreover, now that the bid genie - and NAV discount closure hope - is out of

independent are numbered. Electra's true NAV is key. Unduoted companies are notoriously hard to value and. while it is hard to believe. they can be undervalued by directors.

Yet the argument is about more than the discount. Electra's expertise in managing. private equity deals is valuable and will be attractive to an American buyer seeking an entry into the European MBO market

Electra shareholders can and should expect more. Despite the rise yesterday. nimble-footed buyers can still : make a quick burn, too

Filtronic FILTRONIC is a variation on the telecoms theme. It started out in the 1970s with high-

is now firmly switched into consumer mobiles.
Filtronic's future is founded on the growth in popularity of mobile phones. Subscrib-

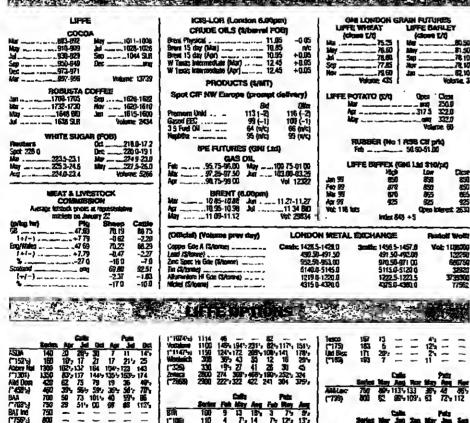
the bottle Electra's days as an-independent are numbered. er numbers are growing and independent are numbered. consumers and base station building network providers are bound to want, and need, updated equipment Filtronic will be kept busy handling more sophisticated and pow-

erful technology. Filtronic is relatively small but close association with and Motorola bein Filtronics stability. It also has heavy-ish. debts but the pre-Christmas issue of high-yield bonds puts-the finances on a firmer footing: Interest cover of four to. five times is not generous, but is comfortable given the firm's.

cash generation abilities.

Profit takers led the shares: Even so the stock trades on the equivalent of 30 times estimated current-year earnings per share and 22 times for the year to May 2000. Filtronic shares are neither

cheap nor risk-free. But they are worth holding. **EDITED BY ROBERT COLE**



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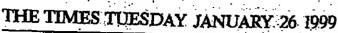
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Brazil is not being offered the correct medicine

Britain's recovery after leaving the ERM is

a better example of how to react after devaluation

tatistically, it may be the eighth-biggest economy in the world but, as General De Gaulle once said: "Brazil is not a serious country." The absence of seriousness was demonstrated not so much in the Brazilian Government's inability to stick to its core economic pledge to avoid a devaluation. The real lack of seriousness has been shown in the Brazilian Government's and the world's response.

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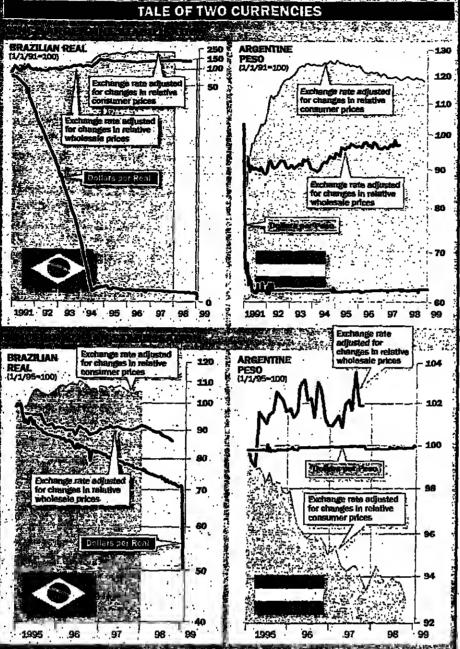
The question about Brazil that preoccupies most economic commentators at present is whether the finanical maelstrom will now engulf othercountries that rely on ex-change rate links, ranging from Argentina to Hong Kong and China. Others ask whether the success of Argentina and Hong Kong in defending their currency pegs implies that other countries such as Brazil and perhaps Indonesia and Russia, should follow them in abandoning national currencies and imply adopting the dollar, the euro or the yea.

But these questions are beside the point. Argentina and Hong Kong are both in a totally different category from Braz-ii. They totally abandoned their monetary autonomy by guaranteeing that every currency note that they issue is backed by a. dollar held at the central bank. More importantly, they have created the two key conditions under which a currency board of this type can work: they have rigorously controlled their gov-ernment borrowing; and they have convinced their citizens that there can be no benefit whatsoever in baving a nation-. al monetary policy independent of the dictates of the US Federal Reserve. In Argentina, the Government has been able to achieve this through a constitutional revolution after decades of economic chaos and violent

dicatatorship. In Hong Kong, the case has been easier to make, simply on the grounds that Hong Kong is a tiny open economy far too small to derive any real benefits from managing its own currency and setting its own interest rates.

These conditions simply do not apply in Brazil. Like Russia and Indonesia. Brazil is much more politically unruly, much larger and much less exposed to foreign trade than either Argentina or Hong Kong. It also has a government that is much worse at collecting taxes and liv-

ing within its means.
It is the Brazilian Government's post-devaluation policy that represents the really serious dimension of this crisis and illustrates the lack of seriousness, both in the world's approach. Nobody can blame Brazil for having failed to de-() fend its exchange rate in the



middle of a global financial crisis and a deep domestic reces-sion. Similar challenges have repeatedly overwheimed far richer and more sophisticated economies, ranging from Ko-rea in 1997 to Britain, Italy and Sweden in 1992 and France in 1983. In fact nobody outside the International Monetary Fund and the US Treasury was much surprised by the collapse of Brazil's exchange rate policy on January 13 and the real's 30 per cent devaluation. The absence of any surprise was well demonstrated by the relatively calm financial reaction around the world.

Why, then, do I say that Braz-il is not behaving, or being treated, as a serious country? Because the IMF and the US Treasury are acting in a fundamentally frivolous manner pushing the Brazilian Government towards a literally incredible and wrongheaded economic framework that is almost guaranteed to collapse. After the ERM traumas of 1992 in Italy. Scandinavia and Britain and the more recent currency crises in Asia, a few general lessons about devaluations should surely have been learnt. The three most important

principles of a post-devaluation policy can be readily stated by anyone who recalls the rapid economic recovery after White Wednesday in Britain.

The first principle is that the has been wasting anything up Government must never raise interest rates or waste foreign day in a fulle attempt to pre-exchange reserves in trying to "defend" a currency which the markets have already succeeded in knocking off a previously established peg. The second is that the only right way to control inflation in such circumstances is to set out and implement a credible plan for reducing the public sector's budget deficit in a gradual but deliberate way. The third and most : important principle is that stability can be restored in only one way in a country where financial and economic confidence has been completely shattered: by reviving economic growth and creating a clear prospect of rising profitability

and falling unemployment. nfortunately, the Brazilian authorities, apparently under pressure from the IMF and the US Treasury. are turning all these principles on their head. Instead of cutting interest rates immediately after the devaluation, they have raised them from 30 per cent to even more absurd levels of 50 per cent and above. Instead of accepting the inevitable - that the real will fall well below any reasonable definition of "fair value" before rebounding on the foreign exchanges — Brazil

presented by a national crisis to restructure the tax and public spending system and put the public finances on a sustainable footing, they are trying to rush through piecemeal emer-gency measures with question-

a ble political support.

Brazil is, according to World Bank figures, the world's most unequal and lightly taxed leading economy. The richest 10 per cent of the population receive 47 per cent of the country's total income and taxes amount to just 19 per cent of GDP.

What Brazil needs to achieve a convincing stabilisation is a fundamental restructuring of its fiscal systems designed to create government surpluses after the economy recovers and to ensure the political acceptablility of sound finances by turning taxes and public spending into instruments of modest redistribution, instead of mechanisms for impoverishing the already

Finally, and most urgently, a post-devaluation economic policy has to create a confident expectation of economic growth. And the only way of achieving that in an economy paralysed by interest rates of 50 per cent plus is by aggressive monetary

search, the economic consultancy based in London, noted last week in a despairing analysis of Brazilian policy: The start-ing point of new policy is not fis-cal consolidation and devaluaoon but fiscal consolidation and aggressive monetary eas-ing. The real should be set free to find its own equilibrium level. Extremely low inflation (running at only 0.5 per cent a year in December) means that Brazil can afford to pursue this line of defence."

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The Government, however, has so far been doing exactly the opposite. By simultaneously raising interest rates and raising taxes it has been sending a powerful signal to consumers, businessmen and foreign investors that the Brazilian economy will continue to fall steeply in the year ahead. In short, far from restoring fi-nancial confidence or increasing political support for its stabilisation measures, the Government, with the IMF and the US Treasury looking over its shoulder, is virtually guarantee-ing a succession of economic and political crises stretching as far ahead as the eye can see.

hy have Brazilian policymakers seized so firmly the wrong end of the stick? Why have they been pushed so enthusiastically down the road to financial perdition by the IMF and US Treasury? It cannot be a misunderstanding about economics. Even the ivory-tower officials at the IMF must surely realise that a falling currency cannot be "defended" by raising interest rates. They must be aware that an exchangerate peg cannot simply be replaced with another at a lower level after the very principle of pegging is seen to have failed. An interest rate of 100 per cent a year offers no attraction to investors who know that the val-ue of their principal could be devalued by 30 per cent in a day.

As Richard Medley, the New York economic consultant, has noted, there has been only one example in living memory of a currency success fully defended with high interest rates: the Mexican peso af-ter the 1995 crisis. "And that only worked because the US Government said to investors: take massively high interest rates and we will gauarantee you repayment"

Perhaps economic officials are so releutant to let Brazil cut interest rates and allow the real to find its own level because, deep down, they believe that Brazil is still not a "serious country". They do not believe that Brazil's low inflation could possibly be sustainable and therefore they do not want it to follow the example set by Britain in 1992. But unless the US Treasury is willing to undertake and pay for another Mexican-style bailout, the international economic community will soon have to come up with a different approach to the crisis in Brazil. Maybe they will have to start treading Brazil in the same way as any other serious country - a good example to start with would be Britain's experience after White Wednesday.

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Millennium gap separates firms from consumers

s the rather irritating clock overlooking Blackdays left to the millennium. However, many of us seem to be suffering from new era iner-tia already. Ask most people what the millennium means to them and, high on the list of answers, will be the replies "a computer bug" or "a dome in Greenwich".

Given this mixture of apathy and hostility, it is a little difficult to use the millennium as a marketing tool. Compa-nies that have listened to some over-trendy luvvy from a design agency talking about the new era being a time for rebirth and cleansing will realise that there could be a perception gap between what consumers want and what mar-

keteers plan to give them. That is why research being released this week from The Brand Futures Consultancy, the subsidiary of Grey Communications that specialises in marketing strategy, is omely and welcome. Brand Fu-tures' Opportunity Millennium, as it is called, took the trouble to quiz 2,000 consumers and 149 directors of companies with turnover of £20 million or more about how they think companies should mark the millennium.

The results are quite startling. The overwhelming re-action from consumers is that companies should mark the new era by "putting some-thing back into the community". The questionnaire suggested a number of different ways of marking the millennium. Obviously, if you ask someone whether they like world peace they will say yes. But, even ac-cepting that, there was a great deal of enthusiasm about potential charitable acts by corporations.

Suggestions that companies should help future generations youth clubs had 90 per cent of people agreeing, and 70 per cent agreeing strongly. Funding libraries and creches gained almost as enthusiastic a response, while other sugges-tions that were popular were providing "a product or serv-ice to help to make our lives easier or less stressful in the future" and offering ways to learn new skills and abilities.

Of more interest to businesses is the statistic that 65 per cent of respondents would be more likely to use a company's products and services if they did mark the millennium with one of these charitable acts (this percentage rose to 74 per cent in the 35-54 age group).

However, there is some cyni-cism as to whether the companies will follow their advice. Asked how they reckoned that the millennium will be marked by corporations, 48 per cent of consumers expect there to be lots of special offers and promotions while only 14 per cent expect the kind of good acts that they rather hope the companies will carry out.

So over to the companies, which were asked what sort of 'millennium-marking activities" are now being planned. Not surprisingly, 76 per cent immediately mentioned setting up a task force to deal with the year 2000 computer bug (which makes one wonder what the other 24 per cent are doing about the bug). Next came running an internal communications programme to ex-



plain the company's vision for the new era, which is being conducted by 27 per cent of firms. Then came planning how the company and its brands would develop beyond the millennium, mentioned by

14 per cent of companies.
Only 11 per cent mentioned the charitable acts wanted by consumers, the same number as mentioned the dreaded millennium brands that the con-

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sumers fear. Simon Ratcliffe, who, with Clive Cooper, runs Brand Futures, said that there appears to be a gap between what consumers want and what companies are going to do. Some, though, have realised that if they use the millen-

keting device, they will be caught out. BT, Tesco, Marks & Spencer and Walkers Snackfoods are among the companies that have already started some form of community in-idadve for the millennium, and Brand Futures is full of praise of the NatWest Community Bond, launched last week. which aims to help organisations that otherwise would not

be able to obtain bank loans. Ratcliffe said that if a company had not worked out its millennium marketing strat-egy by Easter, it would not be able to put anything in place early enough to avoid being swamped in the rush to "mark

the millennium".

He believes that the impor-tant issue that companies should address is this desire from consumers for compa nies to "do some good" and that there is no point looking back and celebrating what may already have been achieved; you have to try to work out what you want to achieve

in this new era.
It is a difficult task trying to appear fresh and innovaove while all of your competitors are attempting to do the same. But the price of failure is to look particularly leaden-footed when the new era comes



Simon Ratcliffe, left, and Clive Cooper, who run Brand Futures

BUSINESS LETTER

Panel must recognise impartiality

Sunningdale Sir, I would like to rectify one point in your Commentary of January 7. I am not guestioning the essence of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers. I do question its present operation-al practice in terms of enforcement of its own Spirit, Principles and Rules, and its Executive Structure, which ignores the "Rule against Bias". I do not suggest that a professional on secondment cannot be trusted to act independently: I do believe that he or she must be

seen to be impartial. It is rele-

vant that the Panel itself recog-

From Lord Wolfson of nizes the need for impartiality tion to the Code. It could also recognize this at the executive level as there are three deputy directors general who would have to act if the director-general were indisposed. They could therefore surely act if there is a potential conflict of interest. Yours faithfully. WOLFSON,

The Great Universal Stores, Leconfield House. Curzon Street, London WIY 7FL.

☐ An incomplete version of this letter was published on January 22.

No comment

AN UNDIGNIFIED row has broken out between Alan Clark, the cultured MP, and the Financial Times and one of its most charming writers. Clark, whose experiences with the opposite sex have often attracted attention, has written a most ungallant letter to the FT.

Lucy Kellaway had claimed that Clark had tried to charge £1,000 for an interview while hinting that he "might be able to improve the price somewhat". I have no idea what he



might have meant, because Clark, in a letter to the FT, confirms the sum but denies offering any such reduction. He continues most cruelly: "The idea of a sofa interview with Ms Kellaway held little appeal to me."

Clark is a guest in the FT's planned celebrity lunch, date as yet undecided, but with places to be auctioned to readers for charity. There is a strong hint in the letter — while I am delighted to help the Save the Children Fund, I have no desire to promote the FT, followed by further abuse - that he may now not attend.

Neither party would return calls on the spat, but I trust more charitable thoughts will prevail.

TECHNICAL problems kept BT Alex Brown, which I persist in thinking of as NatWest but never mind, out of commission for 45 minutes after the markets opened yesterday morning. What went wrong? "The server went down and it took something over half an hour to reboot," someone told me. I think he meant the computers

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cai papers and so could even take over from Monty.

So at least one should end up running the company. Also there is Charles Brims of Portsmouth & Sunderland, subject to a hostile takeover bid. What will they find to talk about?

with him with anything but the deepest sympathy — I come across an invi-tation for a drinks do with the regional press on Thursday. Under the same roof will be Philip Graf of Trinity, which tried to buy Mirror, Chris Oakley of Regional Independent Media, the current bidder, and John Allwood, who runs Mirror Group's lo-

Boat people
A REUNION yesterday for Martin Number game Gilbert, chief executive of Aberdeen Asset Management, and Donald MacDonald, who was in charge of

ers club Icarus.

the Oxford crew for the 1987 Boat Race - the most famous of recent years, the one when the American crew mutinied.

Aberdeen has just emerged as the new sponsor for the Boat Race. Gilbert used to meet MacDonald on the cricket and rugby pitch when each played for their respective Scottish

They have, however, run across each other since. MacDonald now works for Aon after the insurer bought Alexander Clay in 1997. Aon is Aberdeen's insurer.

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Sticking an oar in: Martin Gilbert.



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Actor Jeremy Northam has made it in Hollywood. So what's he doing at the Almeida — slumming? Matt Wolf reports

eremy Northam is on the verge of becoming such a ubiquitous cinema presence that one is slightly surprised to find Sandra Bullock's erstwhile co-star in The Net sipping coffee in the Almeida Theatre bar preparing for notes from his current play's writer-director. Peter Gill.

The same weekend might instead have found Northam in New York promoting the pre-miere of Gloria, the Sidney Lumet film in which he appears opposite Sharon Stone. or even in Utah at the Sundance Festival, where Northam and the American actor Steve Zahn are generating a terrific buzz as escapers from a chain gang in the independent film Happy Texas. In addition. Northam will be seen this year in two screen adaptations of period plays: Rattigan's The Win-slow Boy, written and directed by David Mamer, and alongside Cate Blanchett and Minnie Driver in the director Oliver Parker's youthful rethinking of Wilde's An Ideal Husband, both of which cast Northam as establishment fig-ures who may be less stiffbacked than they appear. Also awaiting release is a Sundance entry from last year, The Misadventures of Margaret, with Northam as a professor married to Parker Posey's neurotic novelist.
"This is what I've been wait-

ing for," Northam says of the celluloid onslaught, purple sunglasses his only vague nod to the burgeoning film renown that may at last position the 37-year-old actor as a Hugh Grant or Ralph Fiennes-level star. And yet, far from hopping the Atlantic, the actor has chosen to return to the theatre for his first stage appearance since The Country Wife for the Royal Shakespeare Company four and a half years ago.

hat's more, he arrives not as a visiting film star in the Almeida tradition of Kevin Spacey, Juliette Binoche and Liam Neeson. ensemble of Gill's new play. Certain Young Men, in which Northam plays David, a gay obstetrician uneasily part-nered with Andrew Woodall's married Christopher.

I grew up within that aesthetic." Northam says of the company feel of the play,

"I got into acting because I like plays," says Jeremy Northam, who is now doing just that in London. But with five new films featuring Northam heading our way, the British actor will soon be on a screen near you

Enter, pursued by fame

which exists in notable contrast to a film career mainly spent playing male second banana to a motley parade of high-powered women, including Bullock, Stone, Mira Sorvino (the critically, reviled Mimic) and Gwyneth Paltrow (the critically praised Emma).

"I got into acting because like plays. It's nice, too, not to have the pressure of 'How's the weekend box office? The joy of just doing something like this simply and directly and, you hope, skilfully without those other pressures

is really quite refreshing." Besides, he adds, "the people who do plays who are perceived as movie stars all come from a very strong theatrical

That's certainly true of into drama training at Bristol to take a job in Nottingham. Further regional theatre work followed before a career-making stint at the National Theatre, where he won a 1990 Olivier Award for his performance in Richard Eyre's staging of

The Voysey Inheritance and

Solti's 1967 version, made in

played no fewer than three parts at varying times in the same director's Hamlet. Indeed, he stepped into the title role one fateful night in September, 1989, when Daniel Day-Lewis had a breakdown

Northam looks back on the traumatic evening as "ancient history", which it probably is compared to wooing - and stalking - Bullock in The Net.
"I could never have imagined that I would be performing opposite these icons, these movie stars, who are all totally different; it all came as a total surprise, really."

Their presence has meant he has yet to bear the burden for the films' variable commer-cial fates. "I wouldn't be responsible in the public eye, beor Gwyneth. But of course you put a lot of time and effort into doing what you do, and you want it to work, and you would much rather be associated with things which are happy successes."

If advance word is any gauge, both The Winslow Boy

and An Ideal Husband are set to be exactly that, which looks to be especially pleasing vis-avis the latter film insofar as Northam came late to the cast as a last-minute replacement for Gabriel Byrne. I got back and a day later I was in a readthrough," the actor says of his role as Sir Robert Chiltern, the ideal husband of Wilde's title. "I went from playing. an escaped comman in Happy

Texas to a politician with a dodgy past." Still, it is hardly required eti-

quette that has Northam enthusing about his current play-What has been so brilliant is the way Peter Gill does things and demands things of his actors"—even as he dis-misses any sense of noblesse oblige about a performer appearing for a fraction of his usual fee. People talk about you earning £250 a week like Nicole Kidman as if its a badge of honour, and that makes me fed up because for most people in the business,

that is a good wage and thar's

all you get.

In any case. Northam has What you hope

"I'm not doing this to wear clothes of penitence and go Oh, I have to be a masochist for a while. I'm doing it because it's not often that you're something, as I was with this seven years ago [in workshop]."

hardly gone Hollywood: he continues to live, for example, in North London. "I remember feeling at various times annoved at the assumption that A one was deeply ambitious. the parts you want to play, to be a part of the industry that you wanted to be a part of. I'm ambitious to be a better actor." Octain Young Men opens to-morrow night at the Almeida. Lon-don NI (0171-359 4604). An Ideal · Husband is released in Britain on April 16

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VERDI'S REQUIEM Reviewed by

FOR every great performer (and for every recording engineer, one might add, since the work's dynamic range is excep-ional) the Verdi Requiem is an Everest waiting to be climbed. Even more universal in its appeal than the Missa Solemnis or the Requiems of Brahms and Berlioz, Verdi's 90-minute masteroiece is the grandest religious composition of the 19th century.

Completed in 1874, it was the agnostic Verdi's outpouring of deep-felt grief following the death of Italy's most belov-

ed poet. Manzoni. Each of the four soloists has several long solos which are every bit as intense and demanding as an operatic aria, although Verdi insisted that "one mustn't sing this Mass in the way one sings an opera therefore phrasing and dynamics that may be fine in the theatre won't please me at ail". A quartet of superb artists is nevertheless essential, but they must leave operatic sobs and can belto high notes behind them, particularly when they combine in a taxing but expressive variety of duets, trios and quarters.

The Requiem also demands a chorus of great strength and flexibility, an orchestra of redblooded virtuosi and a conductor of spirituality and dyna-

Toscanini conducted the

Requiem at Verdi's funeral in 190i and made a recording 50 years later that, despite its boxy sound, still represents the authentic tradition. Conducting giants of every generation since the war have recorded it: Fricsay made a brilliant version in Berlin in 1953 (mono but single, mid-priced CD from Deutsche Grammophon); Giulini's 1964 interpretation for EMI (full price and full-blooded) remains one of the best, if you can take Schwarzkops's breathy delivery, and Barbirolli, recording five years later, has the superb Jon Vickers among his soloists, and the tremendous Philharmonia Chorus.

Vienna, is wonderfully engineered by Decca but a slightly languid Joan Sutherland lowers the tension. Four modern. digital recordings all have strong selling points. Muti is at La Scala: Abbado at the Vienna State Opera. Two English conductors also work with powerful international casts: Colin Davis - in Munich - for RCA and John Eliot Gardiner, employing period in-struments, for Philips. If you won't be happy with anything less than original digital then go for the Davis (remember his compelling Proms performance in 1997). But my final choice is vintage Leonard Bernstein on Sony Classical (SM2K 47639, two CDs. £17.99): the soloists include Domingo plus the LSO and LSO Chorus, remastered from a vivid 1970 performance taped at the Albert Hall. Bernstein has the soul, the heart and the dra-

matic energy: he inspires an

electrifying experience.

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Next Saturday on Radio 3 (11am): Bernstein's West Side Story

Poet celebrated on wings of song

espite its punning ti-tle, this concert in Smith Square was a the 250th birthday of one of the greatest figures of German culture. Few writers have had a more profound influence on music than Goethe, and since it is through music that he is best known to non-German speakers it made perfect sense for Manhew Best and his Corydon Singers and Orchestra to commemorate him this way.

Or did it? Something was surely wrong when such a fascinating programme could still leave the listener none the wiser about Goethe himself. His texts became just the thread connecting this series of masterpieces and rarities by his composer contemporaries. No exploration of his musical appeal was attempted. Given the vast body of Lieder and operas he inspired, the choral works featured here were hardly put into context.

Purely on a performance lev-L though, this was an evening full of excitement. The Corydon forces have made German Romantic music a speciality, but they seemed to surprise both themselves and the audience with the power of Mendelssohn's neglected Die erste Waipurgisnacht. From the start of a substantial over-ture, this half-hour cantata is full of unfettered lyricism, but it is not all Mendelssohnian sweetness and light the witches' sabbath at its centre has the orchestra shricking and growling, and the pagans have noth-ing of the religious respectability that often creeps into Men-

delssohn's choral music. Best's account caught all of this freshness and vigour, making it clear why Berlioz, for one, thought the score "the

Time to take stock



er's serious heart condition in 1907 immediately preceded the Ninth Symphony of 1908-09. While it is true that there is a certain amount of mythology surrounding the composer's last works, it is also undeniable that thoughts of death loom large in the Ninth.

And it is perhaps not undu-ly unfanciful to detect in Bernard Haitink's account of the symphony with the London Philharmonic on Saturday an increased sense of urgency. Whether his recent heart surgery has anything to do with this is a delicate question, but the parallel at least deserves.

What was striking about the interpretation was its raw energy, a lacerating quality that exposed bone and sinew. Where one normally associ-ates Haitink with control, moderation and a certain courness, there was no mistaking the fierceness with which he ripped into the angry out-



finest thing Mendelssohn has done". The chorus was lively and the soloists strong. Timothy Robinson displayed a ring-ing tenor as the Druid, Michael George was solemn as the Priest and Jean Rigby

bursts of the first movement To some extent the unflattering acoustics of the Festival Hall exaggerated the harsh or-chestral sound, and caused unblended timbres at the beginning to seem even more startling than probably intended. moods

Yet it was fair preparation for the starkness of what was to follow: a reading in which the shadows that fall across the tranquil resignation of the main material seemed darker than ever. Given that the middie movements are both laden with more or less grotesque irony, it was a reasonable strategy of Haitink's to differentiate dearly between them.

The Landler second movement, marked "somewhat clumsy and very coarse", with peasant dancing that should sound "ponderous" or "heavyfooted, according to the score, was indeed delivered with a very deliberate rhythmic tread. Done this way, the trills on woodwind, and especially horns, had an unset-

tlingly leering quality.
The Rondo Burleske third movement, on the other hand, was a whirtwind of hyperactivity, seething with energy and dispatched with virtuosity. All this leads, of course, to the sublimely valedictory hymn of the great Adagio finale. For all that the earlier movements signalled a new approach, Haitink is not a man to revel in sentimentality. True to his nature, it was not a finale of overt emotionalism, but a noble farewell, not without passion, yet sober and restrained.

BARRY MILLINGTON

had a fine presence as the Old Woman.

To most music lovers. Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage also implies Mendelssohn, but here we were treated to Beethoven's seldom heard choral setting of the Goethe po-erus. Notable for its vivid pictorialism and occasional anticipations of the Ninth Symphony, the score inspired alert, upfront singing from the choir. They had warmth, too, in

Poulenc in his

Schumann's Requiem für Mig-



7 an-Pascal Tortelier and his colleagues in the BBC Philharmonic must have had misgivings about devoting a whole programme to Poulenc. Apart from the question as to whether the music could sustain that kind of scrutiny, there was more than a possibility that the public would not find it very attractive, Poulenc centenary or not. In fact, enterprise was rewarded by a well-filled Bridgewater Hall and an audience that was clearly very hap-

py with what it heard. The risk was all the greater for the expense of a concert involving Martin Roscoe and Peter Donohoe in the Concerto for Two Pianos, Lynne Dawson as soloist in the Stabat Mater and not only the Leeds Festival Chorus but also the BBC Singers, who had a tricky task to perform in the unaccompanied six-part cantata Un soir de neige. But the ideal Poulenc programme, covering his development from the boyish Les Biches to the most in-

music is reserved for a quartet of women, sung with distinction by members of the choir.

Two well-known works completed the programme. The or-chestra: revelled in Beethoven's Egmont overture. moving from a soft-grained opening to a blazing close, and Brahms's Alto Rhapsody found Jean Rigby on glowing

JOHN ALLISON

spired of the religious works of maturity, requires that kind of investment.

It certainly could not omit the Concerto for Two Pianos which is the ultimate example of the risks Poulenc could take - in ignoring all the rules of construction and discarding all discretion about using other composers' material - without sacrificing either coher-ence or individuality. It was brilliantly characterised here by a pair of soloists perfectly aligned with each other and with an orchestra sensitive to the poetry in the score as well

as its fairground vulgarity, The transition between "the hooligan", as one of Poulenc's friends called him, to "the monk", as the same friend called him, was made by the a. cappella setting of wartime Eluard verse in Un soir de neige a bleak demonstration of how serious-minded the com-

poser could be. Tortelier was also in a serious frame of mind. If his treatment of the suite from Les Biches was not quite the uninhibited celebration one might have hoped for, his interpretation of the Stabat Mater was entirely appropriate to the stature of that work and the chastity of its style. Of course, we are talking Poulenc, which means that chastity is a relative rather than absolute value the long-delayed first entry of the solo soprano voice is sheer voluptuousness and, happily, neither the radiant Dawson nur the conductor was so severe as

to attempt to conceal the fact. GERALD LARNER

"A KNOCK-OUT SHOW STUFFED WITH ADVENTURE" "A thrilling, magical show. Take children of all ages, and any oldies not afraid to remember their dreams" Peter Pan In the Olivier until 20 February seats available at evening performances Royal National Theatre Box Office 0171-452 3000

sign his name on a calling card stuffed into the edge of the mirror behind her. This expanse of glass, the first to appear in an Ingres por-trait, reflects the back of Mme

de Senonnes' head. Shadowy and tantalising, it introduces an element of mystery after

the brazen allure displayed by the woman in front of the mirror. Ingres deepens the enigma by making the rest of the glass surprisingly dark, and al-

lowing it to spread over a large area of the painting's unfathomable upper section.

merising role. The Vicomtesse d'Haussonville, far more alert and appraising than the indo-lent Mine de Senonnes, leans back against a mantelpiece

surmounted by a grand mir-ror. With one distended figure

propping up her chin, echoing a pose adopted by the Greek

muse Polyhymnia, she gazes through crescent-shaped eyes in an abstracted manner. Her

luxurious accourrements do not seem to satisfy the young

woman, who would later publish several historical romances. She seems a little restless.

as if dissatisfied with her lei-

surely existence. And the prom-

inent reflection of her head

and shoulders stresses the

young woman's solitude, envel-

oping her with the unknowa-

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The mirror image is de-

ployed most sombrely of all in

the grand final version of Mad-

ame Moitessier's two por-

traits. An earlier, redoubtable three-quarter length of this

fashionable hostess shows her

standing, arrayed in black and toying with a rope of pearls against a flat, damask-

covered wall. She is expres-

he great female por-traits that crown Ingres' later career give glass a still more mes-

VISUAL ART: Ingres could paint men

but they were never his real

inspiration, as Richard Cork

discovers at the National Gallery

o sooner has late Monet settled into the Royal Academy than another, equally rewarding French binter arrives at the National Gallery. But these two magnificent shows could hardly offer a greater contrast. No people can be discerned in Monet's infamated images of his garden. whereas Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres was a supreme painter of portraits. With lofty disdain, he pretended that history painting was his true calling. But Ingres is always at his finest when faced with a sitter. so the National Gallery is right to concentrate on portraiture and leave his pompous, often absurd allegories alone.

Just how overblown they can be is suggested by the first exhibit to confront us: a towering and marmoreal effigy of Napoleon I on his Imperial Throne. Executed

young Ingres as a precocious showpiece in 1806, it ⁶ Even his presents the newly iaurelled Emperor slightest as a blanched, implacable despot. Resting his gold-enportrait crusted foot on a velvet cushion, ithas a self lying on a caremblazoned with the imperial sense of eagle, Napoleon displays his fearsome tension? authority. Clasping sceptre of

Charles V like a vicious spear, he allows Charlemagne's hand of justice to rest against his left thigh. Posed frontally, with a rigid hauteur that reflects Napoleon's appetite for unchallenged power. this severe apparition seems as remote from the modern

world as a medieval icon. Mercifully, though, the glacial Emperor remains an exception among Ingres' portraits. He was equally capable, only a year earlier, of making Madame Rivière into one of his most sensual images. With youthful audacity. Ingres turns his sitter into a sequence of swooping, whirling undulations. Treating the oval canvas as a flat surface, he allows limbs and draperies to flow across it with virtuoso elan. The ringleted Mme Rivière somehow maintains an imperturbable poise, while all around her extravagant linear inventions leap, coil and turnble. The veil surging from her head, no less than the embroidered shawl twisting in fantastic convolutions around her

elongated arm, have an almost orgiastic abandon.

For all its bravura, the Rivière portrait was received with disapproval in Paris. Jacques-Louis David, Ingres' coolly Neo-Classical master, would never have allowed himself to indulge in such an unbridled display. For the moment, Ingres had to remain content with building a localised reputation in Rome. Here he was able to study his idolised Raphael at will, dreaming already of the grandiose anotheoses he would execute later in life. But he also had the good sense to embark on a portrait as superlative as the half-length of François-Marius Granet, a landscape painter and close

If anyone had doubted Ingres' ability to respond to men with the fervour he bestowed on women, the Granet portrait settled the question. Dressed

in a rich brown cloak, which gives the design its pyramidal firmness. the young man clasps his sketchbook against a backdrop of the Quirinale. The buildings are painted with an eye for flattened, cubic simplification that anticipates views of hilltop Provençal villages by Cézanne, who knew the Granet

portrait well in his local museum at Aix. But Ingres counters this structural austerity by giving his handsome sitter nervous, sidelong-glancing eyes and wind-tousled hair. Tense with unattained, youthful antbitioo, Granet is pitched against a thunderous sky that reinforces his troubled mood. For all its debt to Classicism. this complex image shows how Romantic unrest was waiting to burst out of the ordered framework.

ngres never permitted his need for control to be overpowered by an on-rush of unchecked feeling. But the turbulence beneath the surface rigour cannot be doubted, lending even his slightest portrait a powerful sense of tension. The pencil drawings he made in such profusion, largely to support himself after the collapse of his Napoleonic supporters in Rome. possess a palpable intensity. Adept at summarising his mainly British clients with con-



lies at the very centre of his art. Whether drawing an elegant, intertwined family group, a discerning old lady or a small boy solemnly marooned on an ornate armchair, Ingres deplovs his draughtsmanship with miraculous suppleness.

When he so wished, Ingres could embark on a painting with unerring speed and loose-

ness gave way to infinite, painstaking elaboration. Because the pigment in his portrait of the Baron de Norvins has become worn, we can detect some of the changes In-gres introduced as the picture proceeded. The outcome, however, is the very opposite of laboured. Contrasted with a shimmering wall-cover and

matic figure. Although his white shirt threatens to spurt out from his lapel, its unexpected frothiness is contained within the severity of a jet-black coat. This is a man professionally accustomed to suspicion. and his stiff body refuses to lean back against the damaskdraped chair where he sits with such vigilance.

ladies in Paris, he allowed the reins more licence. Steadfastly monogamous in his own marriage, he nevertheless gave himself up to erotic indulgence in the realm of painting. When confronted by the heady languor of Madame de Senonnes in 1814, he revealed the extent of his willingness to be seduced. Viewed slightly from

above, so that her breasts are shown to ample advantage, the hothouse creature relaxes on sumptuous, gleaming fabrics. The sitter looks up, her unmarked oval face calm above the spume of a triple-layered. lace collar. Pale satin eruptions break out, at provocative intervals, along the surface of her wine-red velvet dress. No fewer than 13 rings can be counted on her fleshy fingers, and Ingres is bold enough to

sionless, and her detachment is accentuated by the garland of lush roses dangling from her sculpted hair. They give her the aura of a remote goddess, accustomed to receiving adoration without betraying a scintilla of excitement. The same curious blend of antiquity and modernity can

be found in the later Moitessier portrait. The opposition beheightened. Seated, she allows a flower-spattered Second Empire dress to billow across the lower half of the painting. She appears to float on this sea of petals, and Matisse would have savoured Ingres' willingness to give these opulent patterns such a strong pictorial presence. Once again, Moitessier is removed from her nouveau riche context and given an antique gravity. The wide mirror behind confirms this dimension, by presenting her in shadowy profile as a Sphinxlike enigma. This time, though, the reflected image seems to be turning into stone. Her stillness is close to death, mocking the woman's finery and beiewelled satisfaction even as Ingres bestows immortality upon her.

Portraits by Ingres at the National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

■ DECADENCE is a queasy coocept; easier to sense than it is to define. It glistens, alluring yet repulsive, like the gloss of bright colours on decaying

meat. Decadence is the Roman Emperor Commodus; ravaging then slaying virgins. It is Evelyn Waugh's tortoise with a diamond-encrusted

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shell. It is cruelty and high camp, opulence and consumption. "It is the rottenness from which all life springs," said Germaine Greer.

But most of all decadence is defined by its era, which is why the Crafts Council has chosen this cusp of the century to mount a show which explores decadence over the past decade. The sumptuous display of jewellery and textiles, sculpture and ceramics, glass and furniture, tantalises. The rich mix of media and ideas fascinates. It is hard for the eye to settle at first.

in the corner of a chamber, draped in dark velvet, a polished black Icarus spirals to his doom. His wings, quilled with mirrors, catch myriad glancing reflections of light. This is Andrew Logan's interpretation of the theme: a glitzy glory before the moment of death. Other works are more sinister. Seen from a distance, Andy Frazeli's wall clock may look like a nursery ornament. But examine it more closely and you see a slaughterhouse

Each exhibit deserves such fastidious inspection. A cornucopia, woven from ivy and leaves and moss, beaded with berries and old-man's beard. is not a symbol of bountiful nature. Discarded Fanta cans and crumpled crisp packets overspill the lip. And inside the ceramic rim, rippled like fungus, a scaly tentacle lurks.



Decadent? Andrew Logan's Icarus at the Crafts Council

Texture and pattern, design and detail, are the essence of this show, whether seen in the minimalist elegance of a John Makepeace cabinet, or the gilded decorations of a harpsichord. This show unfurls and

explores the desires of a decade, and questions whether they really are decadent any more

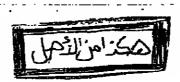
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■ I BUMPED into the artist Peter Blake at the Royal Academy's Monet show. Among all the admirers of this most popular impressionist, Blake's was an isolated voice of dissent. He didn't like the paintings, he de-clared, which seemed all the odder at the time because near by was a photograph of the ageing Monet, and the similarities in appearance between the two artists were striking. But the clue to their differences lay in their beards. Where Monet's was flowing. Blake's was tightly clipped. And his artistic style has the same taut precision.

Those disheartened by the stretching queues for the Royal Academy might enjoy pop-ping round the corner to see Blake's prints. Here are jokey series of tattooed ladies, brunettes and blondes in bright bikinis. "I wonder where this thing leads to?" cries Robin to Batman, as they slide down the lumpen curve of a thigh. Elvis Presley nestles against a clavicle. Minutely detailed woodcuts examine the freaks in the circus sideshow, photomontages create bewildering theatres in a Regency room. But more usually Blake seems to be caught in the rainbowed realm of the Sixties and Seventies. Perhaps his work will come back into fashion again in this retro-obsessed world. Peter Gwyther, 29 Bruton St, London WI (0171-495-4747) until Feb 27

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LITTLE YORCE (15): Mark Herman's wonderful version of Jim Cartwright's stage hit. Jane Horrocks sings glorious covers of torch song dives. With Michael Calne, Ewan McGregor, Brenda Blathyri and Jim Broadbent



A supine Vincent Bruel of the juggling duo Vis A Vis achieves the unlikely task of eliciting love, pathos and even melancholy from the movement of some white balls

Broken hearts on the ball

fall the theatrical arts, perhaps the one that matries least naturally with matters of the heart is that which involves the propulsion of a set of balls or clubs.

There are very few for whom juggling would be the medium of choice for the portrayal of human tragedy, dependent as it is on such factors as control and predictability. Lionel About and Vincent Bruel, aka Vis A Vis, are among that few. Such is their dexterity that their Visa Pour L'Amour elicits love, pathos and even melancholy from the movement of a

few sets of white balls. Of course, they are greatly assisted in their task by their talents in the fields of dance and mime, but when the music stops. this is essentially the tale of the love affair between two men and a couple of buckets of plastic spheres. Dressed in the timeless clown cos-

tume of the City banker, Bruel and About locate themselves in a kind of artificial play area; a synthetic garden by the sea in which they tiff over toy watering cans, make paper boats and grow peculiar ball-bearing plants, the fruits of which are plucked and then thrown around.



Their relationship is the kind of fierce, competitive love usually seen between pairs of 12-year-old boys, but here carried over into adulthood. Juggling is the symbol of their bond: two bodies united by a common purpose: they juggle when they are happy, when they make up after a row, and ..

when they are trying to prove themselves. Quite where one draws the line between actual juggling and just general object manipulation it is hard to tell, much of what takes place involves no throwing or catching and closely resembles the kind of gymnastic activity usually undertaken by adolescent Romanian girls.

Indeed, the appeal of Visa Pour L'Amour lies quite strongly not in what is actually being done on stage, but the context in which it is being. performed. Had some of the movement sequences been identically performed by a pair of girls in meaning-

ful leotards, as opposed to men in suits and spectacles, they could have been classified as expressionist. dance. Ball-balancing tricks which. could easily appear as entertainment at a corporate party here take on a curious poignancy when conducted by a sad but beautiful man, dressed only in a towel. While there are comic in terfudes, the final image is one of loneliness and desolation. Not absolutely mesmerising, perhaps, but a brave and enriching experiment in the possibilities of physical performance.

HETTIE JUDAH

Napoleon goes solo

crammed into a stifling Astoria, this was not only the hottest ticket in town, but the first must-see show of outfit UNKLE made its live London debut on the final date of NME's Premier tour with a lot to live up to. In the end, however, the expectation all

but ruined the evening. .. First to suffer was the trio of support acts. It scarcely seemed to matter to much of the audience how Llama Farmers. Delakota or Idlewild played. A rapidly improving idlewild should have kickstarted the show, but failed to stir more than the front few Then, admittedly plagued by sound problems, a lacklustre Delakota gave fans

few reasons to cheer. Only a

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pressed on to different dubplates, the idea was to remix Psyence Fiction live on stage. For the most part, however, the effect was like listening to the album at home. The only excitement came courtesy of singer Ian Brown, slouched on stage to inject the show with some much-needed star quality. Adding vocals to the instrumental album track Unreal, he gave the crowd a taste of how good UNKLE could have been, had Lavelle persuaded a few more of his mates to turn up.

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y oy is not a word automatically associated with Marcus Roberts, so the arrival of an album called The Joy of Joplin arouses a certain trepidation. Ever since he signed up with the Wynton Marsalis band, the blind American pianist has tended to promote jazz as a form of moral uplift.

been predictably dour titles such as The Truth is Spoken Here tell you all you need to know about his self-imposed mission to raise the public's consciousness. But even though his solo disc Alone With Three Giants had its moments of portentousness, it also testified to his burgeoning technique and his determination to find a path through the music of El-

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The Joplin tribute is more satisfying. The composer himself would probably have been borrified, since Roberts's trio wanders far from the notes on the page. Yet as an exercise in blending jazz figures onto ragtime foundations it is intriguing.

Roberts reprised The Entertainer at the South Bank, the drummer Jason Marsalis (yet another member of the clan)

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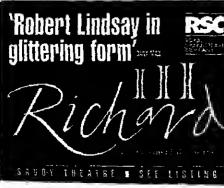
leans march rhythm before the leader made his heavily syncopated entry. After a dozen bars Roberts had thoroughly disguised the beat; a sudden digression into a reggae pulse helped us to find our feet. In terms of pure rhythm, this was a starting display, even a for lowing for the repetitive use of drum and bass solos. Roland Guerin made a compelling foil to Marsalis's taut cymbal work, even adding a few excur-

sions into olde-time slap-bass. What was lacking was the sense of ease and joie de vivre that you hear in the work of a modern master such as Ralph Sutton. Then again, Roberts prefers denser harmonies. while he is equally capable of switching to versions of I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart and other Ellington tunes which were uncannily close to the spare, brush-driven miniamonk in the mid-Fifties. Role erts is a man of many voices.

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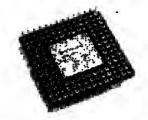
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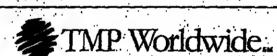
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Skeleton argument that may harm civil justice

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tages. First, because the work will be done so

long before the appeal hearing that the skele

ton arguments will decline in quality and fo-

cus, and will not provide as much assistance

to the court as a skeleton argument filed close to the hearing date. No doubt the previ-

ous 14-day rule was based on Dr Johnson's

principle that when a man knows he is to be hanged in a formight, it concentrates bis mind wonderfully.

Secondly, io areas of the law (such as pub-

lic law and employment law) where develop-ments are rapid, the skeleton argument will

often need amendment by the time of the hearing if it is to address current legal princi-ples. Thirdly, lawyers will now need fully to

prepare the case twice, once for the skeleton

argument and again for the

hearing months later. At

present, that occurs only

when counsel has to be in-

structed to obtain leave to ap-

leave has aiready been grant-

ed by the lower court or tribu-nal. Appellate litigation will

become more expensive for

Fourthly, counsel previous

ly knew when they had a duty to file a skeleton argument be-

cause it was based on the

hearing date in their diary. The new rule focuses on the

date notified to the solicitor

for the case entering the list of

forthcoming appeals. Coun-sel will now be dependent on

the solicitor giving them that information. Delays in communication will

inevitably mean that skeleton arguments

will be prepared in even more of a rush than

any positive benefit from skeleton arguments

being filed so moch earlier. The judges are

not going to read them until just before the

hearing of the appeal. The duly to provide a

skeleton argument at the early stage is unlike-

ly lo deter unmeritorious appeals. The re-quirement for sequential filing of skeleton ar-

guments is an improvement on the previous procedure by making it more likely that the

respondent's document will answer the one

filed by the appellant. But that objective does

not require the documents to be presented so

Mr Justice Cardozo of the United States Su-

preme Court gave warning that changes to

civil procedure must not "multiply impedi-

ments to justice without the warrant of clear necessity". The Court of Appeal should re-

• The author is a practising barrister and Fel-

long in advance of the hearing date.

think its practice direction.

low of Alt Souls College, Oxford.

These detriments are not outweighed by

they are at present.

n March 1989, Lord Donaldson of Lym-

ington, then Master of the Rolls, made a

practice direction introducing a require-

ment that counsel file a skeleton argument

before the hearing of a civil appeal. There is concern among practitioners that the most re-

cent practice direction in this area, which

comes fully into effect next Monday, will greatly reduce the value of these skeleton ar-

guments and damage civil justice.
As the 1989 practice direction explained, a

skeleton argument is a written summary which identifies the principal points and draws attention to the relevant legal authori-

ties. Its main purpose is to assist the judge to

prepare for the hearing, thereby ensuring that the oral argument for the appeal can fo-

cus on the central issues in dis-

reduces the time spent in court, and limits the costs for

litigants and the legal system.

tives, the skeleton argument

has been one of the most sig-

nificant improvements in civ

il procedure in the past 50 years, and not just in the Court of Appeal. A similar re-

quirement has been imposed

The 1989 practice direction imposed a deadline for the fil-

ing of skeleton arguments of

four weeks before a fixed

hearing date. In 1990 this was

reduced to 14 days. That remained the normal rule until

the recent practice direction is-sued by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls,

last November after "consultation with the

members of the Court of Appeal", as the direction records. The new standard rule is that the appellant must include a skeleton ar-

gument when filing the appeal bundle of doc-

uments, within 14 days of the appeal appear-

ing in the list of forthcoming appeals. The re-

spondent must then lodge a reply skeleton ar-

gument within 21 days of receipt of the appel-

lant's skeleton argument. This will mean that there is an obligation to prepare and file skeleton arguments at an earlier stage of the

appeal proceedings. The date by which an ap-

pellant must file a bundle of documents is

typically many months before the hearing.

In judicial review cases, the skeleton argu-

ments will need to be filed about six months

before the appeal is heard. The new practice

direction adds that a supplemental or revised

skeletoo argument may not be lodged with-

out the court's permission, and such permis-

sion will be granted only if there is good rea-

The requirement to file skeleton argu-

ments early in the appeal proceedings is un-fortunate. There will be four main disadvan-

in other civil courts.

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pute between the parties. This

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Marrying in a foreign country can be a tricky affair. **Edward Fennell** reports

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y all means go to the Land where the Bong Tree Grows for your wedding. Just try to make sure that the marriage is not conducted by the Turkey Who Lives on the Hill.

According to Mick Jagger's team, his marriage to Jerry Hall was a turkey from day one because they did not have the right number of witnesses and there was a mix-up in the paperwork. So has Mick-known all along that he was unwed? Or has this defence been unearthed more recently by a bright lawyer who has been investigating the events of the ceremony in Bali?

The basic position in the UK is that an overseas marriage will be valid if both persons' had the capacity to marry and the local civil formalities were fully observed. Look beneath generalisation, however, and the complexity of the Issue soon becomes baffling. Even

leading authorities " such as Peter George of Charles Russell say this area of international private law can be "like playing multidimensional

David Truex, of the Anglo-Austral-Truex and Compamy, describes the complicated. Tm torward writing a manual

so that high street

The upsurge in the number of complex marital disputes reflects increasingly international lives in which place of marriage, husbands and wives, domicile and assets may be scattered across the globe. Mr Truex explained: "I've re-cently had a case in which an

Australian woman married an Irish man and the couple lived . initially in Ireland. The marriage broke up and the man: went to live in France, the woman in Australia.

"He then petitioned for divorce in England and we had to persuade the English courts that this was not appropriate. So he then got a quickie di-vorce in Mexico and promptly married someone else, in New York. The authorities there recognised the Mexican divorce, but other countries would

Where does that leave the wife? Is she still married? If she decided that she was divorced and then remarried.

would her second marriage be valid? Frankly, the answers may vary from country to country. For example, had she been domiciled in Ireland but had obtained a divorce in Australia, it would not be recognised in Ireland. But it would be recognised in England.

The result, says Katharine
Shaw of the family law department at Radcliffes, is that
when it comes to divorce, there
is an increasing amount of forum shopping as lawyers and
clients weigh up the pros and
cons of where they will launch an action. Some jurisdictions might offer a quicker process. but their rulings might be unenforceable. And if their decisions are not recognised by other significant countries, that may queer the possibility of a future valid marriage.

So while the status of marriages used rarely to be ques-tioned except in cases of bigamy or non-consummation),

there is likely to be a growing number of divorce and inthat hinge on the issue Was the marriage valid in the first place?"

And it is not just globetrotting superstars who run up against these probkms. Growing prosperity and a · have · produced a

vogue for overseas

marriage-cum-holilawyers can understand the issues," he says. "Frankly, it is very difficult to do."

day packages. Getting married in a bilgin on the beach is no longer a problem for special to the control of the cont rialist companies and big-name travel operators alike. which offer all-in deals complete with "ceremony, marriage and certificate". The operators arrange the details so that "when you arrive at your destination you will have noth-

ing to worry about". But what if your final desti-nation is the divorce court? Being married by a Buddhist monk on the slopes of Everest may produce great snaps for the family album — but has the monk got the right authorisation from the local civil authorities?

Already a number of holiday companies have made their way to leading travel lawyers to check on how they stand. After all, if a marriage turned out to be invalid, could the disappointed holidaymak-ers come back for redress? Peter Steward of Field Fish-

er Waterhouse is clear on his advice. "I advise travel compa-nies to give the clients the full



facts," he says. "They should suggest that their customers take legal advice first. And they should make it clear that they accept no responsibility for anything that might subsequently go wrong." Start to investigate the small

print, even in England and Wales, and the situation soon becomes complicated. For example, to be declared null, a marriage can be either void or voidable. It will be void, when the parties are within the prohibited degrees of relationship or if either of them is under 16. or if either was already married. It will be voidable if the marriages have not been consummated or if either partner did not validly consent to it or if, at the time of the marriage, the respondent was pregnant by some person other than the

. Then there is the matter of reading the banns in church and of the service being con-ducted by qualified officiants (rather than a work experience. youth - as happened recently in one Anglican church). For many people, the reli-

gious context may be more im-

glican dergymen ordained for a year can solemnise marriages but for Roman Catholics. Ouakers, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims, different regulations apply.

Father John Nelson of Ports-

mouth's Catholie diocese, an expert in canonical law, says that every effort is made to work with the civil authorities. So although the Catholic Church does not recognise a register office wedding, a civil divorce would be required before they could marry again in a Catholic service.

Because of the potential for complexity, there is a growing belief in England and Wales that prenuptial contracts, which are not yet binding in our courts; may offer a way forward. Mr George comments: To avoid an argument, many people prefer to have a straightforward, enforceable contract." So if you decide to go for the turkey on the hill in the saffron robes, be sure to sign a prenuptial before getting the ring. And make sure your travel agent pre-books the divorce in Mexico.

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COULD Robin Cook sue for breach of marital secrets? Peter Carter-Ruck, the libel lawyer, thinks so. There is a precedent for this," he says — a case in 1967 when the Duchess of Argyll obtained an injunction to stop the Duke, her former husband, and a

newspaper, from disclosing marital confidences. The court held that marriage was a relationship of a confidential nature that gave rise to an obligation of confidence. Mr Carter-Ruck adds: "Mr Cook could arguably seek to obtain an injunction to prevent further publication of details of his marriage."

of the Rolls, will this week take him a cut-glass bowl on behalf of the Court of Appeal judges. Lord Goff of Chieveley, until recently the senior law lord, was there on Saturday to give a special scroll on behalf of the Institute of International and Comparative

Law. Lord Denning, its president, was a founding member.

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☐ The judges are paying their own tribute to Lord Denning for his 100th birthday (see page 43). Lord Woolf, the Master

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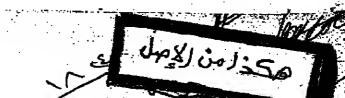
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In a case brought by the Of-fice of Fair Trading (OFT), the UK's competition law watch-dog, the Premier League stands accused of operating as an illegal cartel. The alleged of-ferce is the processor feace is the practice of the league's clubs collectively selling their television rights to BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times) and the BBC.

Why is the OFT

tackling football's

Premier League?

Richard Prowse

he Restrictive Practic

The case, which started on January 12 has been surrounded by much thetoric and confusion. Unusually, we have seen Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, criticising a government of fice, the OFT, for its decision to larsue a case. Talk abounds m football circles of the collapse of the Premier League and critics say that the sport as we know it is under threat

Of course, football is a highly emotive topic at the heart of Britain's culture. But we should all, Tony Banks included, step back and focus realistically on why the OFT has brought the case.

The issue is whether, and

how, competition law should apply to sport and what the future holds. The case brought by the OFT is based on a straightforward application of competition rules. If we take a dispassionate view, it is diffi-T's argument. English Premier League clubs are banding together in order to sell their product, the television rights to FA Carling Premier-

ship football. From a purely economic and legal stance, this eliminates any competition between them and means that they are able to use their collective muscle to negotiate price and limit the choice of matches screened. The result, potential-



The film of Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch: football is a topic at the heart of Britain's culture

ly, is that the consumer pays more and sees less. If the televised football market was not restricted by the existence of a cartel, the argument is that clubs would then sell their rights individually and in competition with each other, resulting in lower prices and more matches on more channels. This is how markets operate in other industries and, in effect,

the OFT is applying the same principles to football as it would to any other business ac-

If in any other industry a similar horizontal cartel were established, people would want to be assured that the OFT believed it to be operating for consumers' benefit. A cartel of petrol companies, for example, agreeing the selling

price of a litre of fuel, would almost certainly be illegal, because it would keep prices arti-

ficially high.
"Football is a sport that happens to be a business rather than a business that happens to be a sport," Mr Banks says. This is a good soundbite, but it means nothing. The OFT is not examining the game of football, but rather the way in

which it conducts its business, and it is right to do so. What Mr Banks should be concentrating on is not whether the OFT should have the right to examine the business of football, but whether the way football is run is in the interest of consumers and the game.

There is no reason a football club should not have its conduct and agreements scruti-nised under the competition rules and this has long been recognised in Europe. The Bosman ruling on transfers. which means that players out of contract with their clubs are free to move without their clubs being able to demand a transfer fee, is now an established part of the game in England and the whole of Europe. Football generates billions of pounds a year and national competition authorities have a duty to keep under review an industry of this size.

o applying the rules, the OFT should, of course, recognise the special nature of football. It may well be necessary to apply the competition laws in the light of the fact that unrestricted business competition may give too much power to the media companies and large clubs and drive weaker rivals out of business. This would take from football the very thing that it thrives upon: teams, compet-tion and a special place in our

The court case cannot be considered in isolation from other recent events. BSkyB has played a clever game — its bid for Manchester United means that it has an insurance policy should this court case go the wrong way. It is difficult to see the Premier League losing this case and also BSkyB being prevented from completing the acquisition.

It is also worth noting that the fact a court case has been necessary to air the issues of broadcasting rights highlights the inadequacles of the present legal structure. In future, and with the introduction of the Competition Act in March 2000, it is likely that such problerns will be addressed before contracts are signed under the new UK clearance regime.

• The author, a partner at Ever-sheds, specialises in EU and com-

Why the entente is not so cordiale

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they are aggressive, arrogant and un-couth. These are some of the more pleasant things the French say about English lawyers. Anger has been growing over the rapid expansion of the Parisian offices of City law firms, culminating in a vitri-

olle article in the news magazine Le Point this month denouncing "English imperialism".

Gallic avocats complained about the way their British counterparts had headhunted top Parisian commercial lawyers, and sometimes teams of lawyers, with promises of earnings of more than £100,000 a year.

The controversy has arisen because City firms are attempting to strengthen their presence on the Continent, particularly in Paris and Frankfurt. Most have tried to expand through alliances with continental partners. Linklaters, for example, last year announced a federation with German, Belgian, Dutch and Swedish firms. Cameron McKenna is planning a similar move.

But such associations do oot always run smoothly, especially when they run into Franco-British hostility. Last

June, for instance, France's largest cabinet. Gide-Loyrette-Nouel, broke off a ten-year association with Allen & Overy. Then, last month, another French firm, de Pardieu, abandoned plans for an alliance with Allen & Overy. Lucie Maurel-Aubert, a lawyer at Gide, told Le Point: They wanted to impose their own brand name and to take our markets. We wanted an association where we would complement each other." That was bad enough for

Gide, which, with 350 lawyers and an annual turnover of Fr600 million (about £6.3 million), is a giant by French standards, But worse followed as five of its leading commercial lawyers left for Allen & Overy, another ten for Linklaters and one, last week, for Freshfields.

Other French firms also face what they deem to be unwarranted attacks of this sort. Olivier Pichot, a partner specialising in legal recruitment with the international headhunters Tasa Worldwide, claims: "The English have an approach that is aggressive and colonialist. They think they may lose out because Britain is not in the euro, so they are trying to buy up whole teams and structures in Paris in the hope of becoming operational here

M Pichot says that City law firms have been promising to double the revenue of French lawyers earning between Fr500,000 and Fr700,000 a year. "But this approach is bound to fail," he says. "They have been goFrench lawyers are not happy about the tactics of English law firms, says Adam Sage

pared to buy you.' They are often turned down because they do not realise that though the French may be ready to sell themselves, they do not want to lose their identity. The English have tried to go too fast, and they have made too many mistakes."

French lawyers say that their firms are codified system that leaves less room for legal manoeuvre than under the common law tradition, and less cut-throat.

A senior partner in a Parisian firm, who asked not to be named, says: "The only thing that seems to matter to the English is money. The City firms are real economic war ma-chines that hardly care about the law at ail. Here, we see ourselves much more as a fraternity con-

cerned with our profession. The City, not unnaturally, views things differently, as Stephan Denyer, the regional managing partner for Europe at Allen & Overy, argues: "What we are seeking is longterm, measured development and we would be silly to do things in an unnecessarily aggressive way. We do not go around luring people in Paris or anywhere else, but it is a case that good lawyers are attracted to us because of our development."

The firm's Paris office, he explains, employs 37 people and has doubled in size over recent months, as has the Frankfurt bureau. Within four years, only half of Allen & Overy lawyers in its offices around the world will be British, compared with 70 per cent at present. "This," he

dds, "is due to client demand." Peter Kett, a senior partner at the Paris office of Slaughter & May, says "I know that some French firms have criticised the Lon-don law firms in Paris for engaging in what they consider to be competitive practices, but I do not subscribe to this view. You cannot criticise the English firms for what they have done. It has all been legitimate. They have simply been good at promoting themselves."

Gilles August, the founder of August et Debouzy, one of the few Parisian firms to flourish in recent years, agrees. "The English are aggressive, but you cannot hold that against them," he says. "They have the right to do what they have done. The French must simply follow their example. They are ing to the creme of Parisian lawyers and say-ing 'How much do you want? We are pre-of business. You adapt or you die."

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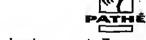
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The people's judge: Lord Denning celebrates his centenary

Brilliant, unpretentious and a judicial activist, Lord Denning is Britain's most treasured senior judge. By Frances Gibb

I judges had popularity raings, Lord Denning would top the poll.

He is the student's judge, the law-yer's judge and, above all, the people's judge Litigants in person loved him, and he was a gift to the media. Whenever is rang him for a comment about a coleague he was parany to respond and the little man against the hig betrallone. league he was happy to respond, and the rejoinder was always: "Say something nice about him, won't you?"

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Last Saturday more than 170 lawyers. and judges met at the University of Buckingham to say something nice about Lord Denning on his 100th birthday and pay tribute to his contribution to the law over 38 years as a judge, 20 of them as Master of the Rolls. Unfortunately, the guest of honour was too frail to

Mention Lord Denning's name and people think of his Hampshire burr and the style of his judgments - short; simple sentences of startling clari-y. But his legacy to the law itself is arguably, unrivalled. Lord Woolf, the Master of the

ahead of his day and only years later became accepted as representing the law.

In one dissenting judgment, he said that
if a person gives negligent advice, he can
be held liable to any person acting on that
advice. Some 15 years later, the law lords followed him. In his many rulings in civil disputes, Lord Denning also helped to lay the foundations for what is now mainstream law - judicial review, allowing in-

dividuals to succeed in challenging abuses

tions. "He put the Court of Appeal's civil di-vision on the map." Lord Woolf says. "Un-til his time, on the whole it was the great criminal cases that caught the public imag-ination. With him, for the first time, it was civil cases, becruse he was protecting the little man against the big battalions." Lord Woolf, who appeared before Lord

Denning as a young advocate, remembers his patience at a time when it was the norm for judges to be crusty and impatient. "When I was Denning just starting out as a Treasury jumior. I was a bit out of my depth in one difficult case and protected he guided me through." Vien Lord Woolf was promoted to the Court of Appeal, a big occa-sion for him and his family, he the little

recalls Lord Denning being man against "extremely kind to my sons they remember that more than anything else that day. As for sitting with him as a fellow judge, Lord Donaldson battalions' of Lymington - who succeeded Lord Denning on his reure-

ment in 1982 - recalls his bril-Rolls, says: "Many of his decisions were liant mind and "total-recall memory. He could skim through the whole of the ar-gument in his mind." But there were dangers, he added, sitting as the second judge with Lord Denring, "He might think about a case overnight before giving judgment, and then come to the conclusion that what he had decided was

A judicial activist, Lord Denning did. not believe in judges leaving things to Par-liament: they had to provide an instant



remedy for the individual. If the law was unjust, then it had to be altered in order to accord with his notion of justice. Alternatively, the law would be interpreted to provide justice - what judges will increasingly do as the Human Rights Act

He himself cites the High Trees case in 1947. in which he ruled that a person should keep his word or bond; the many matrimonial cases that created the princi-ple of the deserted wife's equity; and the cases correcting abuses of power such as that overruling the Board of Trade when it denied Laker Airways a licence.

On Saturday many other cases - from commercial and company law to family were cited. Len Sealy, an emeritus professor from Cambridge, recalls the Mareva injunction - which enabled courts to freeze a defendant's assets when the plain-

tiff had not yet established his right to proceed against those assets - as one measure for which Lord Denning should be re-

Lord Denning does have his critics: he did make mistakes that the law lords subsequently reversed, and some of his views, particularly in later years, aroused controversy — for example, he was accused, to his distress, of casting a slur on the ability of black people to be jurors. But he argued passionately that the com-

mon law of England regarded a person's colour or race as "irrelevant" in deciding his rights or duties. And despite deeply held Christian values, he liberalised the divorce laws, and treated cohabiting couples as married couples where possible. Likewise, his view of the breakdown of marriage was pragmatic: the divorce court, he said, should not penalise anyone.

As Professor Michael Freeman, of University College London, said on Saturday, Lord Denning is quintessentially English. with beliefs rooted in the Protestant work ethic and family. So it was fitting that he celebrated his birthday with friends and family in his native village of Whitchurch (he was born there, the son of a draper) with a peal of bells, a choir and the planting of an oak. Peter Post, who was his clerk and now manages his affairs, visits twice a week and they still enjoy fish and chips sent up on Friday by the local hotel,

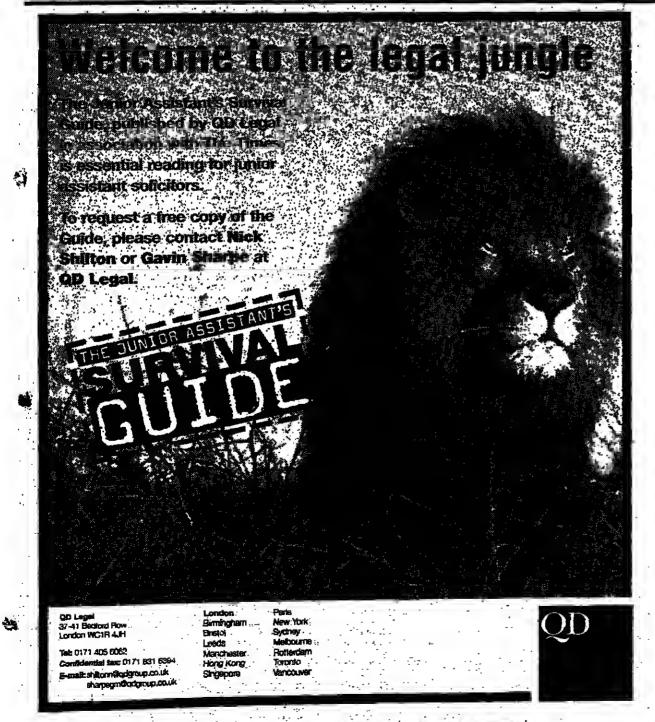
with chocolates and coffee to follow. How will he be remembered? Sir John Balcombe, a retired Court of Appeal judge and one of the guests on Saturday, singles out Lord Denning's humanity: "He was a brilliant lawyer, though not everyone always agreed with him. And he was so nice to people in court ... the most unpompous man I have ever met." Lord Donaldson speaks of his making the law available to the small man. Lord Woolf, who inherited — literally — Lord Denning's ap-peal court robes and whose career has followed a similar path, points to his kind-ness: "People would leave court totally happy, even if he found against them. He will be remembered as the champion of the little man and as a great legal reformer who had a vision of the common law that reverberated throughout the world."

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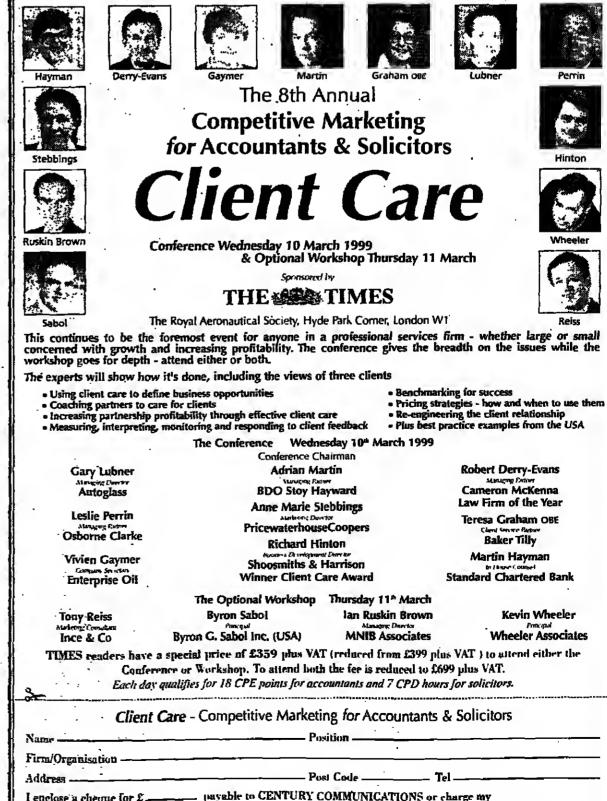
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Payments to patient are not for mother

In re the Estate of B (De-Belore Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

Judgment January 22 Where the Court of Protection made monetary contributions on a patient's behalf to the provision of patient's behalf to the provision of accommodation and to the run-ning of a household, those pay-ments could not properly be charac-terised as a contribution towards the "reasonable needs" of the pa-lient's mother for the runners of the "reasonable needs" of the pa-tient's mother for the purposes of section 1(I)(e) of the inheritance (Provision for Family and Depend-ants) Act 1975, notwithstanding that the payments indirectly bene-fited the mother

fited the mother. Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division on a summons issued under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court by PR. Further, his Lordship al-lowed an appeal by PR against an order of Master Bragge's granting leave to 18 to commence proceed-ings out of time under the 1975 Act for reasonable provision to made for her out of the estate of her deceased daughter, B.

Mr Wilham Henderson for PR: Mr John Ross Martyn for 1B. MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that 8 was born on April 10, 1979. Due to the negli-gence of the medical staff in attempting a forceps delivery, she suffered serve damage at birth, both to her brain and her spine. B's father, PR, effectively left the scene when she was eight months old, however her mother, 1B, continued to care for her devotedly. In due course an action was brought on behalf of B against the area bealth authority and in May 1986 a final award of damages was made

in the sum of £250,000. In July 1985, a bungalow was jurchased for the joint occupation of B and IB. B paid 75 per cent of the pur-

chase price pursuant to a direction from the Court of Protection and 1B paid the balance On B's death, her 75 per cent ben-eficial share in the property vested in her estate on a resulting trust and passed on her intestacy to IB

and PR in equal shares. On March 6. 1997 IB issued her application for leave to commence proceedings for reasonable financial provision under the 1975 Act, leave being granted by Master Bragge on February 10, 1998.

Section 1 of the 1975 Act contained provisions as to who could make an application under the Act. Section I(I) listed the five categories of persons including
"(e) any person (not being a per-

son included in the foregoing para-graphs of his subsection) who im-mediately before the death of the deceased was being maintained, wholly or partly, by the deceased." To qualify as an applicant under section Itilies. 1B had to satisfy the court, inter alia, that (i) at the date

money's worth towards the reason-able needs of tB and (ii) B had "assumed responsibility for the main-tenance of IB for the purposes of section 3(4) of the Act.

On the first question, his Lord-ship said that section 95(1) of the Mental Health Act 1983 conferred on the Court of Protection, with respect to the property and affairs of the patient, a power to secure the doing of all such things as ap-peared to be necessary or expedient for the maintenance or other benefit of the patient and the maintenance or other benefit of members of the patient's family.

It was common ground that in the instant case no direction was made by the Court of Protection pursuant to section 95(1) of the 1983 Act for payments to be made to IB otherwise than in her capacity as B's receiver; that is to say no direc-tion was made for payments to me made to IB for her own maintenance or benefit.

All the payments made by the Court of Protection were made out of the fund representing the damages award and they were made for the maintenance and benefit of B. However, there could be no doubt that a side-effect of the payments made by the Court of Protec-tion for the maintenance and benefit of B was to the benefit of IB also. After all, B's pre-eminent need was to be housed to suitable accomher mother could care for her, and the meeting of that need naturally and inevitably meant that IB would be indirectly benefited both by the provision of joint accommo-dation and by B's regular contribution to the running of expenses of the joint household.

In his Lordship's judgment, how-ever, common sense led inclucably to the conclusion that tB was not dependent for the purposes of section 1(1)(e) of the 1975 Act. in the first place the monetary contributions made by the Court of

Protection on B's behalf to the pro-vision of joint accommodation and to the running of the joint houseld, being made in the exercise of the Court of Protection's statutory power to provide for the mainte-nance of B could not properly be wards the reasonable needs of IB. It was an indisputable fact that the "reasonable needs" in respect of which the payments were made were those not of IB but of B. The fact that they also had the effect of conferring some indirect and inci-dental personal benefit on IB could

In the second place, any doubt as to the correctness of that conclusion was dispelled when one brought into account the requirement of assumption of responsibili-

not serve to alter their character as

to turn them into a contribution

On the facts, it was impossible in infer that B, via the Court of Protection, assumed responsibility for the maintenance of IB for the purposes of section 3(4) of the 1975 Act. Although the Court of Protection had a power under section 95(1) of the 1983 Act to make provision for the maintenance of IB it never exer-

cised that power. Even if it had done so, his Lordship doubted if the inference could have been drawn that by doing so it had assumed responsibility for IB's maintenance.

After all, having once exercised that power by making regular payments for the maintenance of IB, the Court of Protection could at any time thereafter have ceased to make such payments, with the con-sequence that 1B could not have counted on the maintenance payments continuing.

Moreover, it was questionable

whether the power to maintain a patient's family empowered the Court of Protection to assume responsibility for the maintenance of that person.

Since LB on the undisputed facts could not bring herself within sec-tion I(I)(e) of the 1975 Acc, the court had no jurisdiction to entertain a claim under section 2 of that Act. Accordingly, 18's application was bound to fail.

Solicitors: Law Hurst Taylor, Westcliff-on-Sea: Dutton & Hooke:

Media AG v Carlson UK Televi-

sion Ltd (The Times January 7,

Pair dealing was concerned with

the genuineness of the intentions

and motives of the use of the copy-

right material to report current events and the extent to which it

was fair and reasonable in all the

circumstances to make as exten-

the copyright material. The ques-tion was very much a question of

degree and one of fact and impres-

The first hurdle to be surmount-ed was to establish that the dealing

with the copyright work was part of an exercise of reporting current

The critical question was wheth-er the defendant's daily pro-

gramme of circulating and distrib-ting cuttings fairly fell within the language of section 30(2).

The cuttings went far beyond re-

porting current events. The course

followed by the defendant did not

constitute fair dealing.
In copying the cuttings from the

newspapers the defendant had in-

Which course involves least risk of injustice?

Greene & Macrae (a Firm) and Another

Before Mr Richard McCombe, QC [Judgment December 16]

When considering an application for a mandatory order on an inter-locutory basis, the overriding con-cern of the court was as to which course was likely to involve the least risk of injustice if it turned out to be wrong.

While the court should usually

feel a high degree of assurance that the applicant would be able to es-tablish his right at trial before mak-ing a mandatory order in his favour, making such an order at an interlocutory stage might be justi-fied in the absence of that high degree of assurance where the risk of injustice if the injunction was re-fused sufficiently outweighed the risk of injustice if it was granted Mr Richard McCombe, QC, siting as a deputy Chancery Division judge, so held allowing in part the application by motion of the plaintiff, Mr Oleg Nikitenko, for certain declarations as to his entitle.

ment to documents in the hands of the first defendant, Lebocuf Lamb Greene & Macrae, a firm of solicitors, as agents jointly alternatively jointly and severally for the plain-tiff and the second defendant, Mr Oleg Simonov, relating to the affairs of 18 companies ultimately owned by Mr Nikitenko and Mr Simonov, together with an order that the plaintiff be at liberty forthwith to inspect and take copies of those

Mr Richard Millett for the plaintiff: Mr Clive Freedman for the first defendant. Mr Gien Davis for the second defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that since the summer of 1995 the plaintiff had been engaged in a joint venture, operated through a complex structure of companies in various jurisdictions worldwide, all ofowned by the plaintiff and second defendant, with the second defendant involving the management of a fleet of factory trawlers operating in the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Far East, and the sale and marketing of fish products.

Within the plaintiff's evidence three particular groups of docu-ments emerged as important.

The first concerned Alden, a company against which Mr Ni-kitenko had brought a winding-up petition in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands.

The second concerned proceedings in the Commercial Court be-tween two companies called DNHS Ltd and DNHS Seafoods AS on the one hand and three of the companies now in issue from the Nikitenko/Simonov empire and Mr Nikitenko and Mr Simonov personally on the other, regarding a settlement agreement concluded in February 1998.

The plaintiff's primary conten-tion appeared to be not that the first defendant held relevant papers in connection with the DNHS lingation, but that the DNHS bit-gation added to the urgency with which the plaintiff needed to see all the papers in dispute inter partes. The third category of documents

concerned a company called Falk-land investments Ltd, a Liberian company ultimately beneficially owned half by Mr Nikirenko and Mr Simonov, which was engaged in substantial litigation in Russia. Korea and Singapore, in respect of which Falkland had instructed Lawrence Graham, solicitors, to coordinate the litigation from Lon-

A deed of assignment dated July I, 1998 purported to assign the fruits of that litigation to Albatross Agencies Ltd., a company controlled by Mr Simonov, and the docu-ments sought were to establish whether Mr Nikitenko had grounds on which to challenge the

purported assignment.
The main authority on the availability of mandatory orders on interlocutory motions was the decision of the Court of Appeal in Zocksoo of the Court of Appeal (120ck-oll Group Ltd v Mercury Commu-nications Ltd [1998] FSR 354), in which Lord Justice Phillips cited approvingly the four-step test pro-posed by Mr Justice Chadwick to Nottingham Building Society v Eu-rodynamic Systems Ltd [1993] FSR 469 4769

Taking the affidavit evidence as a whole, his Lordship did not feel the high degree of assurance that the plaintiff's claim would succeed as to the whole range of documents now sought to such an extent that Mr Simonov should be deprived of the opportunity to inspect those documents and then to defend the claims properly as he might be ad-

The evidence even if it went only as to belief, of the solicitor who had been primarily involved in the matter to date was not to be lightly brushed aside on an inter-locutory motion in the circumstanctory motion in the circumstanc-

es of this complicated case. Two potential injustices were to be weighed in the scale first that the plaintiff was allowed to see is mediately documents that the should not have been allowed to plaintiff was prevented from see-ing now rather than later documents which he should in fact have been allowed to see immediately.

The hypothetical wrong to Mr Simonov was unlikely to be undone. His Lordship was not convinced that the present state of the Cayman action called for the disclosure of the documents now as demended, as the respondent had offered to consent to the winding up of Alden Ltd, the principal relief sought in the petition, which was ordered by the Cayman court fol-lowing the hearing on Department

Similarly in respect of the DNHS litigation there was no evi-dence of injustice to the plaintiff were he not to have sight of these papers now, or of the relevance of the papers sought to the DNHS litt-

By contrast the plaintiff had been able to point to a specific and imminent need to see the Falkland documents, whereas Mr Davis was unable to point to any counter-vailing prejudice that might be suffered by his client if the injunction

were granted. Despite not feeling the high degree of assurance that the plaintiff's claim was likely to succeed, his Lordship was prepared to make a limited order to require those documents relating to Falkland to be produced to the plaintiff within a reasonable timescale, subject to a cross-undertaking in damages and an undertaking by the plaintiff not to use such documents otherwise than in relation to the Falkland litigation without further leave of the court.

Solicitors: Stephenson Hard wood; Leboeuf Lamb Greene & Macrae: Holman Fenwick & Wil-

Circulating press cuttings went beyond fair dealing In the case of a newspaper made up of a number of different articles, ing defence to infringement of copy-right, and referred to Pro Sieben

Newspaper Licensing Agen-cy Ltd v Marks and Spencer

Before Mr Justice Lightman [Judgment January 19] A daily programme of circulating and distributing cuttings of articles from newspapers went beyond re-porting current events within the meaning of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 so as to give rise to the fair dealing defence af-forded by section 30(2) of that Act. a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division giving judgment for

Spencer plc had infringed its copy-right in typographical arrange-

Mr Kevin Garnett, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Silverleaf, QC and Mr Mark Vanhegan for

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the plaintiff was the owner of copyright in the typographi-cal arrangement in a large number of national and regional newspa-

It sought to establish that the defendant infringed such copyright by making copies of cuttings from those newspapers and distributing such copies to its executives.

The defendant contended, inter alia, that such conduct did not constitute an infringement of the plain-tiff's copyright (i) because the copying was not of a substantial part o the copyright work and (ii) even if the copying was of a substanti part, because such copying consti-tuted fair dealing for the purposes of reporting current events within the meaning of section 30(2) of the

Sections Itc) and 8(f) of the 1988 Act provided that copyright subsist-ed in the typographical arrange-ments of published editions of a lit-

work and the typographical arrangement of each separate article was acordingly a copyright work. His Lordship referred to Ma-chinery Market Ltd v Sheen Pub-lishing Ltd (1983) FSR 431) and

h separate article was a literary

held that a separate copyright subsisted in the typographical arrange-ment of each article copied, and that therefore the copies made by the cuttings were copies of substantial parts of the works in which the plaintiff was entitled to copyright.

Fair dealing
His Lordship set out a brief summary of the history of the fair deal-

Need for legislation on duress defence

Regina v Abdul-Hussain Regina v Aboud Regina v Hasan Regina v Naji Regina v Muhssin Regina v Hoshan Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice John-

(Judgment December 17) There was an urgent need for legislation for precision in the defence of necessity arising as duress by

threat or circumstances. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in a reserved judgment allowing appeals by Mustafa Shakir Abdul Hussain.

Saheb Sherif Aboud, Hasan Saheb Abdul Hasan, Mohammed Chamekh Muhssin and Adnan Hoshan against convictions and prison sentences ranging from nine to five years imposed in No-

ter being found guilty of hijacking contrary to section 1(1) of the Aviation Security Act 1982. The appeal by Maged Mehdy

vember 1977 at the Central Crimi-

nal Court by Mr Justice Wright, af-

Naji was dismissed. Mr Michael Mansfield, QC, for Abdul-Hussein: Mr Michel Massih for Aboud and Hasan; Mr Alper Riza. QC. for Naji: Mr Laurence Kershen, QC and Mr Timothy Horgan for Muhssin: Mr Alan Newman, OC and Mr Michael Turner for Hoshan; all counsel assigned by the Registrar of Crimi-

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellants were all Shia Muslims originating from Southern Iraq and were fugitives from the Saddam Hussein regime.

They came to live in Sudan and made several attempts to travel to Europe, without success, in August 1996, the appellants' passports were removed and as they feared deportation to Iraq, where they were certain of savage punishment and execution, they and members

of their families boarded a Sudanese Airbus bound for Jordan and hijacked it en route.

His Lordship, when asked to consider if the defence of duress should have been put before the jury at the appellants' trial, said that the defence of duress by threat or circurastances was available to all offences except murder, attempted murder and treason as cited in R v Pommell (1995) 2 Cr App R 607) and the clearest authoritative guide to duress was found in R v Martin ((1989) 88 Cr App R 345). As that defence had developed case by case, its scope was imprecise, thus the need for Parliament

fringed the copyright of the plain-tiff in typographical arrangement and the plaintiff was entitled to re-Soliciors: Herbert Smith: Mr

Registering deceased's name

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In order to facilitate the operation of standing searches and caveats and to ensure the accuracy of probare records, Senior District Judge Gerald Angel, Family Division, issued the following Practice Direc-

tion on January 12: In all instances where the de-

the Register of Deaths: ... (a) The name and dates of birth and death of the deceased as re-corded in the register shall be included in the oath lodged in sup-port of the application made through a solicitor or probate prac-

titioner for a grant of representa-

(b) The raime and date of death of the deceased as recorded in the register shall be included in the no-tice lodged for a standing search or

(c) In any case where the name of the deceased or by which the de-ceased was known differed from that recorded in the register, that name shall also be included in the -cath or in the notice, as might be.

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Reviewing medicine authority's decision

Upjohn Ltd v Licensing Authority established by the Medicines Act 1968 and Oth-

Case C-120/97

Before J.-P. Puissochet, President of Chamber, and Judges J. C. Moil-inho de Almeida, C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward and M. Wathelet

Arivocate General P. Léger (Opinion June 9, 1998)

[Judgment January 21] When carrying out a judicial review of a decision by the competent licensing authority to revoke an aumedicinal product on the market. the national court's duty was not to make its own assessment of the facts, but merely to verify that the authority's decision was not vitiat-ed by error or misuse of powers.

The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Commu-nities so held, inter alia, on a reference by the Court of Appeal for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty on questions on the Interpretation of Council Di-rective 65/65/EEC of January 26. 1965 on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to proprietary medicinal prod OJ. English Special Edition

1965-1966 p20) as amended by Council Directive 83/570/EEC of October 26, 1983 (OJ 1983 L332 pl). Article II of Directive 65/65, as amended, required the connetent authorities of the member states to suspend or revoke an authorisa tion to place a proprietary medicinal product on the market where, inter alia, the product proved harmful in the normal conditions

Article 12 provides: "All decisions taken pursuant to larticle III shall state in detail the reasons on which they are based. A decision shall be notified to the party concerned, who shall at the same time be informed of the remedies available to him under the laws in force and of the time limit allowed for the exercise of such remedies.

In the United Kingdom, the com-petent authority was the Licensing Authority established under the Medicines Act 1968, which delegated its regulatory functions to an ex-ecutive agency, the Medicines Control Agency. Under section 107 of the Act, any

person concerned by, inter alia, a revocation decision could apply to the High Court contesting the validity of the decision. Triazolam, a prescription drug for the treatment of insomnla which was first authorised in the United Kingdom in 1978, was also

name Halcon. name Halcon.
In 1991, the MCA, having learned from a newspaper article that a middle-aged woman had killed her mother while under the influence of Triazolam, and after consulting the Committee for the Safety of Medicines, informed Upjohn that the Licensing Authority

marketed under Upjohn's brand

had decided to suspend the marketing authorisations for three months. The suspension was re-newed at three-monthly intervals until June 1993 when, after representations by Upjoin had been heard, all marketing authorisa-tions relating to Triazolam were revoked to a decision in which detailed reasons were given.

In 1991 the matter of Triazolam was referred, by France and The Netherlands, to the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products, a body consisting of representatives of the member states and the Com-mission of the European Communities set up under article 8 of Second Council Directive 75/319/EEC of May 20, 1975 on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to proprietary me-dicinal products (OJ 1975 L147 p13).

as amended by Directive 83/570. In September 1993 the CPMC, after various deliberations, concluded that Triazolam should continue

In proceedings brought to Au-gust 1993 for the quashing of the Licensing Authority's decision in June, the High Court rejected Upjohn's contention that, before the substance of the case was examined, guidance should be sought from the Court of Justice of the Eucourt should proceed, but on anpeal the Court of Appeal stayed the proceedings and referred three questions for preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the Fifth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held: The first question referred was whether it was the duty of a national court, when reviewing a decision by a licensing authority to revoke a licence, to determine whether or not the decision was the correct decision, as opposed to a decision which the licensing authority could reasonably have reached on the

Within the framework of rules governing proprietary medicinal products laid down by Community legislation, only article 12 of Directive 65/65 referred to the remedies available against decisions taken pursuant to article 11 of the direc-

Article 12 merely required the

member states to provide for such decisions to be open to challenge by way of legal proceedings, and did not lay down detailed rules for the exercise of the right of recourse. Upjohn maintained that if the national court were not able fully to review the action taken by the ad ministrative authority, the rights enjoyed by Upjohn by virtue of the direct effect of article 11 of Directive 65/65, as amended, would not be ef-

fectively safeguarded.
It was settled law that in the abnce of Community rules governing the matter it was for the domestic legal system of each member state to designate the courts and tri-bunals having jurisdiction and to lay down the detailed procedural rules governing actions for safeguarding rights which individuals

derived from Community law, provided that such rules were not less favourable than those governing similar domestic actions and did not render virtually impossible or excessively difficult the exercise of rights conferred by Community

In regard to decisions revoking marketing authorisations taken by the competent national authorities following complex assessments in the medico-pharmacological field: it did not appear that the only appropriate means of preventing the exercise of rights conferred by Community law from being rendered virtually impossible or excessively difficult would be a review procedure prolying the substitution by the courts of their own assessment of the facts, and in particular the scientific evidence relied on in support of the revocation decithe national authorities

Where a Community authority was called on, in the performance of its duties, to make complex assessments, it enjoyed a wide measwhich was subject to a limited judicial review in the course of which the Community judicature could not substitute its assessment of the facts for the authority's assessment.

In such cases, the Community judicature restricted itself to exa ing the accuracy of the findings of fact and law made by the author concerned and to verifying, in particular, that the action taken by the authority was not vitiated by a manifest error or a misuse of po ers and that it did not clearly exceed the bounds of its discretion.

Community law did not require the member states to establish a procedure for judicial review of national decisions revoking market-ing authorisations, taken pursuant to Directive 65/65 and to the exercise of complex assessments, which involved a more extensive review than that carried out by the Court of Justice in similar ca In relation to the second ques-

tion referred; a system of judicial review whereby the national courts. were to determ ne applications for annulment of decisions revoking marketing authorisations without taking into account relevant scien-tific material coming to light after the adoption of the contested decition, was not such as to render virtually impossible or excessively dif-

ferred by the directive. In the event of new material com-ing to light following a revocation decision, the person concerned decision, the person concerned would still be able to make a fresh

was known that the CPMP would soon produce an opinion as to con-

muance of the licence. By article II of Directive 75/319. as amended, where one or more member states had suspended a marketing authorisation while one or more others had not done so. one of the states concerned could refer the matter to the CPMP for application of the procedure referred to in article 14 of that directive Article 14-provided, inter-ally

that the CPMP was to consider the matter and issue a reasoned boinion within 60 days of the date on which the matter was referred to it. whether a national authority was empowered to order the revocation of a marketing authorisation with in the 60 days, as it was clear that such an authority was not precluded from revoking an authorisation where the CPMP had not pro-duced its opinion within that time limit: the CPMP's opinion was in

no way binding.

Moreover, since the issue was one of public health, article 14 could not be construed as requiring member states to await the CPMP's opinion, even after the period of 60 days allowed for its production had expired, before designing to withdraw a medicinal prodact that could prove to be harmful to public health, the protection of which constituted the primary ob-

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ective of Directive 65/65. On those grounds the European Court ruled:

Directive 65/65 and, more generally. Community law did not require the member states to establish a procedure for judicial review of national decisions revoking authorisations to market proprietary medicinal products, empowering the competent national courts and tribunals to substitute their assessment of the facts and, in particular, of the scientific evidence relied on in support of the revocation deci-sion, for the assessment made by the national authorities competent to revoke such authorisations. 2 Community law did not require a hational court of tribunal which was seised of an application for an-marketing authorisation for ap-marketing authorisation for a par-ticular proprietary medicinal prod-uct to take into account, when determining that application, any relevant scientific material coming to

3 Directives 65/65 and 75/319 as amended by Directive 83/570 were to be construed as meaning that, where the matter had been re-desired by various member states to decision, the person concerned would still be able to make a fresh application for a marketing authorisation. It would then be for the multionity to assess, in the light of all the information at its disposal, whether the criteria for the grant of a fresh marketing authorisation were fullifled.

The third question was whether it was lawful for the Licensing Authority to revoke the licence when it thority to revoke the licence when it the company of the control of the company of the thority to revoke the licence when it opinion of the CPMC

light after the adoption of that deci-

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0171-408 2080 Rageon South Indian Restaurant 57 Claveland Street, W1; Lunch - M, T, W, Th, F, S, Sun; Dener - M, T, W, Sun; 2 courses; Third £2; 0171-636 9096 Maggiores Classic Italian Michen 17 Tavistock Street, WC2; Lunch - M, T, W, Th, F. S, Sun; 2 courses; 0171-379 9696 Big Easy 332/334 Kings Road, SW3; Lunch • M, T, W, Th, P; 2 courses; 0171-352 4071 Bettersea Barge Nine Erns Lane, SW8; Lunch: M. T. W. Th, F. Dinner: M. T. W. Th, F. 2 courses, Third £2; Free glass of wine: M. T. W. Th, kunch; 0171-960 004 Bentley's Seelood Restaurant 11-15 Swallow Street, W1; Lunch: - M. T. W; Dinner: M. T. 2 courses; Third £2; 0171-734 4756 Sri Stam Solos 16 Old Compton Street, W1; Lunch - M, T, W, Th, F, Set, 2 courses, Third 52; 0171-434 3544 INDERSEVSIDE Expressions Welsh Road, Little Sutton, South Wirrat, Lunch - M., T., W., Th., F., Surv. Dinner - M., T., W., Th., F., S., Sun; 2 courses; Third £2; 0151-339 5121 The Albany Restaurant Old Hall St, Liverpoot; Lunch - M, T, W, Th, F, Dinner - M, T, W, Th, Sox; 2 courses: Third £2: 0151-238 2938 NORFOLK Fishes Market Place, Burnham Market, King's Lynn; Lunch - T, W. Th. F. Dinner - Th; 2 courses; 01328 738588 Beeckes Hotel and Victorian Gardens. Norwich: Dinner - M. T. W. Th. F. S. Surr. 2 courses: Third \$2: 01803 621187 Maids Head Hotel 20 Tombland, Norwich; Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. S. Sun; Dinner M, T, W, Th, F. S, Sun; 2 courses; Third \$2; 01503 209955 SOMERSET The Anchor last Exstandos, Dulvertor; Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. Dinner - M. T. W. Th. F. 2 courses, Third EZ 01398 323433 Regarding Restaurant Ancient Gele House Holes, Sadler Street, Wells; Lunch - M, T, W, Th; 2 courses, Third EZ; 01749 672029 STUFFORDSHIPE FOR PRESENTANT JAN'S Newton Park Hotel, Newton Schrey, Burton-on-Trent; Dinner - M., Th. F., Sun; 2 courses; 01283 703588 Threfes Terrovorth Street, Lichfield; Lunch - M., T. W., Th; 2 courses; 01543 255091 SUFFOLIX The Tidewall courses, Third \$2, 01 394 384242 Abbeygate Restaurant Angle Hill, Bury St. Edmonds, Lunch - M. T., W. Th. F. 2 courses; 01 284 753926 SUMMEY C'Est La Vie 17 High Street, Ewell: Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. Sat: 2 courses: Third 52: 0181-394 2933 Shipley Bridge Antiands Lane, Burston, Horley, Lunch - M., T., W., Th., F. 2 courses. 01293 795237 Okt Be3 63 High Street, Closef, Lunch - M, T, W, Th, F; 2 coerses; 01863 712181 Terraza Meditarranean Cale Bar 4-5 King St, Pichmond; Lunch - M, T, W, Th, Surt, Dinner - M, T, W, Th; 2 courses, 0181-940 4362 Husses Farleigh Road, Warsingham, Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. 2 courses: 01883 822000 ISSEX The Master Mariner loner Lagoon Village Square, Brighton Marine Village. Brighton; Lunch - M. T. W. Th, F. Sat, Dinner - M. T. W. Th, F. 2 courses; 01273 670634 had to The Park Tilgate, Crawley; Lunch - M. T. W. Th, F. 2 courses; 01293 545324 Gotts Park Hotel Restaurant Got's Park Road, Crawley, Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. Sat, Dinner - M. T. W. Th. F. Surt, 2 courses, 01293 535447 The Red Llee High Street, Handcross, Haywards Headt; Lunch - M., T., W., Th., F. 2 cousses; 01444 400292 YOMANSHARE Kites Restaurant 13 Grape Lane, York; Lunch - M., T., W., Th., F. Oloner M. T. W. Th. F. 2 courses; Third £2:01904 641750 The Pasconhery Arms Conordic, Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. S. Sun; Dinner - M. T. W. Th. F. S. Sun; 2 courses; 01347 868214 The Citive Tree Greek Restaurant Oskinsts, 55 Rodey Lane, Leeds: Lunch- M, T, W, Th, F, S, San; Dinner - M, T, W, Th, F, S, Sun; 2 courses; Third £2; 07 13-256 5983 Affeodate Restaurant Ardsley House Hotel, Doncaster Road, Barrisley, Lunch - M. T. W. Th. F. 2 courses: Third £2; 01226 309955 Carringines Restaurant Grand St. Leger Hotel Bewneuthorpe, Donoester, Lunch - M., T. W., Th, F. Donner - M., T. W., Sur, 2 courses; Third £2; 01302 364111 WRLTSHIRE Langley Wood Redynch, Salisbury; Lunch - T., W., Th, F. Olmer - W., Th; 2 courses; Third £2; 01794 390348 SCUTLAND staurant Mine Road, Bridge Of Allan, Stirling, Stirlingshire; Luncit - M. T. W. Th, F, Sat, 2 courses; 01786 833617 WALES St Georges Hotel St Georges Place, The Promenade, Llendadno; Conwy; Dinner - M, T, W, Th, Sur; 2 courses; 01492 877544 Company's, Both, fished in our guide, is markle in participate in this year's other

CHANGING TIMES



RACING: HANDICAPPERS CONFIRM IMPRESSION MADE BY CHAMPION HURDLER

Istabraq awarded top mark

By RICHARD EVANS EACING CORRESPONDENT

FIER the superlatives, the recognition of greatness. As of-ficial handicappers on both sides of the Irish Sea yesterday ast their slide rules over Isiaharry straining weekend victohanimous in declaring him he best champion hurdler of e modern era — and one of

the all-time greats.
Noel O'Brien, Ireland's senor Mational Hunt handicap Manus owned seven year-old arating of 170 — up 61b — for his spirkling victory in the AGE Europe Champion Hur-die Ele said: "I have been handleapping for 18 years and that is the highest an Irish hur-dlef has been."

RICHARD EVANS



Horseracing Board handicap-per responsible for rating twomile hurdlers, took a similarly bullish view, elevating Ista-braq to 173 — Ilb higher than Alderbrook, the 1995 Champion Hurdle winner, and the highest mark he has awarded.

Although changes in rating. systems down the years makes it difficult to compare different generations, O'Brien is con-vinced that neither Monksfield nor Dawn Run — two of the top Irish hurdlers of recent decades - would have been rated as highly as Istabraq.

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Istabraq is considered superior to Monksfield and Dawn Run among Irish-trained hurdlers

"I thought Istabraq was hugely impressive on Sun-day," he said. "The race went according to script with the top two putting quite a bit of distance between themselves and Zafarabad, probably the best four-year-old of his generation, and Theatreworld, twice

runner-up in the Champion Hurdle. French Holly probably gave one of his best perform-ances and until the third last looked an outstanding horse in his own right. I thought Istabrag's hurdling was superb. He toyed with them."

In the same way that older generations of racegoers love to recall witnessing the exploits of Arkle and other greats of the past, O'Brien said Sunday was a special day "looking at a horse which in years to come people will say was one of the best hurdlers of

all time. It is nice to be there when history is being made." O'Brien's only slight reserva-

tion concerns the quality of opposition among the upper ranks of hurdlers in Ireland and England. "It would appear that Istabraq is a truly outstanding champion but in a time when perhaps those in opposition to him would be

less than champions. He's head and shoulders above everything in Ireland and with French Holly joint-top rated in England, he is probably quite a way ahead of anything there, but I would have a slight doubt about the overall competitiveness. If you go back to Sea Pigeon and Monksfield, who came just after Night Nurse, Comedy Of Errors and Lanzarose, there was a lot of cut and thrust. At the moment there is only one horse at the top of the tree."

With Aidan O'Brien promising that Istabraq will be even sharper come Cheltenham, the Smurfit Champion Hurdle is fast taking on the appearance of a one-horse race — unlike two other Festival contests for which entries were re-leased yesterday. Novice chases are risky un-

dertakings at the best of times, but the chance of an upset is often magnified at Cheltenham. where all races tend to be run a stride faster than elsewhere.

The Guinness Arkle Chase, run over two miles on the Tuesday of the three-day meeting, has attracted 58 entries - including 17 from Ireland while the Royal & SunAlliance Chase, staged over an extend-ed three miles on the following day, has 88 entries, with ten of those submitted by Martin

William Hill bets on the Royal & SunAlliance Chase: 5-1 Nick Dundee, Unsinkable Boxer, 7-1 Majadou, 10-1 Kadou Nonantais, Lord Of The River, II-I Spendid, 12-1 Gris D'Estruval. 16-1 others.

Lingfield

to inspect

THERE will be an inspection

at 10am today to determine prospects for tomorrow's Na-

tional Hunt meeting at Ling-

field. Fergus Cameron, the

clerk of the course, said: "We

have had 3mm of rain since

night with some rogue show-

ers, which is more favourable than we had expected. It looks

as if we could be all right but

The forecast is for a dry

THUNDERER

1.40 Fortria Rosie Davm. 2.10 King's Banker. 2.40 Sister Rosza. 3.10 Reach The Clouds. 3.40 Cherrymore. 4.10 CELTIC SEASON (nap).

GOING: BOOD TO SOFT

1.40 STONESBY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (52,310; 2m 1f) (5 runners)

1 44F1 FOLLOW DE CALL 24 (D.G.S) D McCain 8-11-10 2 F-LO FICHTERS ROSE DARM AT MESS V Millions 9-11-9 S May Co. 3 12-0 FIRST ROSE DARM AT MESS V Millions 9-11-9 S May Co. 3 12-0 FIRST THES 12 (V.) LE) Mess k Mants 1-11-9 S May S Mantey 4 07-25 SAMORET 19 (V) Mess A Stylet 10-16-7 C Clewrify 5 0402 REMEMBER STAR 25 A D Stylet 6-10-6 O Supple (3) 34 12-8 Februs De Call, 2-1 Forzia Rosse David, 9-2 Fighting Pines, 8-1 Sorbill, Remember Sail.

2.10 BROOK HAIDEN CHASE (£2,213: 2m 71 110yd) (9)

1 32-2 EVER RIESSED 76 (85.5) Mcc. J Porman 7-11-5 ... 8 Porton (1978)
2 - ODP HERSAL MSE 18 Mcc. A Sorbett 7-11-5 ... 5 Sary Lyons ... 3 - F24 KENTESH BARD 17 (6) In Gascler 7-11-6 ... C Inherity to ... 45 Porton (1978)
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2.40 RABBIT HANDICAP CHASE

4 5444 FLAPJACK LED 60 FLGS) N Texton-traves 10-114
5 4214 BOLD ACTION 41 FLS) J Turcer 8-11-3 ... R Supple 109
6 -13P MAMERA 31 FLS) M Does 9-10-12 ... R Thornton 103
7 45F1 SEMARTY 26 GLS) Mrs. J Priman 8-16-12 ... B Fermon 73
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9 40F7 THERE SEMENTS A1 FLS) N Doby 16-10-8 ... A Marginer 98
10 -00F POR CRI 31 N/FLS) M Mesquer 12-10-4 C INCOMMACK (3)
11 -233 SPACE CAPPA 25 GLS) Mrs. J Secritor 11-16-0 ... Marginer 1112 6PF5 OER, CIAY 19 6S Art, J Buckley 6-10-0 ... W Marginer 103
13 44-6 ALASSKAN HER 26 (N.G.S) A Steele 8-10-0 ... Sary Lydos 103

9-4 Smarty, 6-1 Book Amerik, 7-1 Themsell, 10-1 Scour Rocks, Pilippinck Lad, Marinda, Space Cappa, 12-1 Inters

3.10 DANIEL LAMBERT HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,768: 2m 1f) (6) 1 1511 PLAY GAMES 27 (CD.F.G.S) R Let 11-11-12 — A Magnino 100 2 5143 CENTALES EXPRESS 24 (BF.D.G.S) A Smalter 7-11-4 M. A Fizzparald 118 3 2524 MACHALAN 18 1 Secret 8-18-12 — C. Dievellyn 100 4 5-13 PCACH THE CLUMIS 42 68 D.G.S.) J Decen 7-18-1 J Secret 15552 ASTRUL RYASSON 24 (B.C.D.F.S) Visit 8-110-0 Gary Lyons 153 6 0150 EBEN AL HARDEB 41 [D.S.] D McCain 8-10-0 — S. Wymn 67

3.40 DICK CHRISTIAN NOVICES CHASE

(£3,948: 2m 4f 110yd) (4) 1 5-1U KING ON THE PUN 15 (BF,D,F,G,S) O Nicholam 6-11-10 1-2 Malmang. 4-1 King Din Ton Rus. 11-2 Champenore, 12-1 Candiac Arrest

4.10 CROXTON PARK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 5-2F CELTIC SEASON OB LIES H Ringer 7-11-12 ______ J Cullety 94 2 6225 LASON'S BOY 17 (B.D.F.6.5) J Bentley 8-11-5 M A PROPRIES OCH B (S) A Turnell 18-11-5 ______ R Burnty 96 4 534F TURN PANCH 18 (G) 6 Baltony 18-11-1 ______ 8 Fertion 5 2P2P RELLO ME MAN 22 (D.F.6.5) B Liesethyn 11-10-13 11-4 Cetter Season, 3-1 Tom Pinch, 7-2 Justo's Boy, 7-1 Restricth, Hello Mo Man, 10-1 Lyphard's Fable, 12-1 Seroe Di Value.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 10 elimens from 32 numers, 31,3%; N Twiston-Davies, 7 over 27, 25,3%; Miss H Ringle, 6 intra 25, 24,0%; R Lue, 4 trem 20, 20 0%, Mis J PRoven, 0 from 40, 20,0%, D Nichelson, 7 from 43, JOCKEP'S: 6 Supple, 3 whitees from 8 Hoes, 37,5%, J Calloty, 4 Item 18, 22,2%, M Proposad, 10 Hoes 47, 21,3%, A Negure, 8 From 47, 17,0%, C Unwellys, 5 from 33, 15,2%, Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Parts 1.30 Hill Storm. 2.00 Hevergott Princess. 3.00 Incepta. Fontwell Parts 3.20 Enipeus. Leicester: 4.10 Jeson's Boy.

LINESTED PARK

1.30 Baajil. Ł00 Harpoon Louie. 2.30 Miss Hit. 3.00 Hyde Park, 3.30 An Executive Do. 4.00 Sharp Rhythm.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.30 SULKY MARDEN STAKES

(£3,623: 1m 2f) (8 runners) 1 D ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 11 B Curiny 4-9-16 J P Speriosr (3) 2 ALHUNBEL J Bridge 4-9-10 — 6 Barques 1 3 354- 2AAM, 80 D Cospine 4-9-10 — McEstors 0 to 6000 GRORE 25 G L Moore 4-9-5 — R Bristand (7) 5 060- HILL STOPM 148 (4) K McAsdie S-8-3 — J Dunne 6 5 HOPANIZ 64 M Johnston 3-8-3 — J Frankry 7 52- WESTERN COMMAND 46 (8) M Plascon 3-8-3 — F Noron 6 4-43 20LA 18 M Duno 3-8-3 — F Noron 9 5-4 Western Commund. 1-2 Zola, 4-1 Hormus, 6-1 Absolute Majorny, Basjā. 16-400 Storm, 20-1 in Bood Order, 33-1 Albumbili

2.00 dog cart claiming stakes

(£2,671; 1m) (11) 10 D4-4 HARPOON LOUSE 21 (CD.F.G) A Vandernarghen

11 0-00 HEVERSOLF PRINCESS S (B,C) 7 Noughton 4-8-4 R Winston (A) 5

2.30 ARENA ON LINE SERVICES (SHOWCASE HANDICAP) (£3,606: 5f) (7)

4-5 Suptomal Rock, 4-1 Tear White, 6-1 Miss Hil, 6-1 Leatne, Baldone, 18-1 Beld Ci Dur Days, 20-1 Hony's Good Hine

3.00 hansom stakes (£2,583: 71) (5)

5-4 Takhild. 5-2 Ajig Dancer, 7-2 Hyde Park, 13-2 Incepts, 12-1 L'Estable Fieure

3.30 SILKS SUITE HANDICAP (TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (3-Y-0: £2,671: 1m 2f) (11)

7-2 Rolling Rio, 5-1 Trapic Dencer, Malchill, 6-1 Duestuary, 7-1 An Emerative | Beba Cosmonaul, 8-1 Princip Coroni, 14-1 others.

4.00 PHAETON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,029: 6f) (10)

3-1 Estatalé, 4-1 Rajmeta, 5-1 Compléteartary, 7-1 Diesco On Me. Oh I Say, 6-1 Ran coophain Breeze, Diamond Geerle, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANKERS: P Haskin, 23 winners from 113 rutners, 20,4%, D Michaels, 11 from 54, 20 4%; M Prescott, 18 from 97, 18 6%; D Chapman, 18 from 104, 17,7%, M Johnston, 46 from 208, 17,7%; P Burgoma, E from 42, 14,3%, JOCKEYS: L Carter, 3 winners from 16,56c., 20,0%, C Lowelet, 15 from 89, 17,7%; P Fredericks, 7 from 42, 16,7%; B Cochrana, 53 from 322, 16,0%; J Famining, 7 from 45, 15,2%; A Cultimer, 15 from 224, 14,4%.

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40 Rud4 41 Que6 42 Kr1 43 Kg2 44 Kh3 45 Kh4

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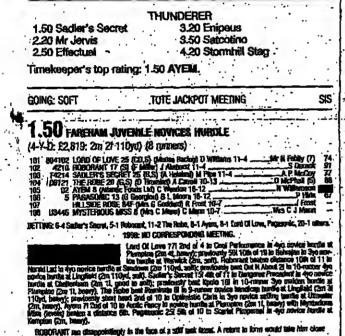
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2.20 SELSEY HOVICES CHASE (£3,597: 2m 3f) (8 numers)

SETTING: 11-9 Literarine, 2-1 Sir Samuel, 5-1 Hr Jervis, 10-1 Maliniar, 18-1 Siburian Heavy, 20-1 orbest.

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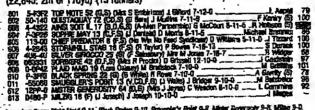
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT You hold the following hand as South, the dealer. A- VAKQ10985 OK +AKJ105

What would be your plan in the bidding? Love All Dealer South

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In the qualifying stage of the Rosenblum World Teams (played in Lille in August). Deciding that this could hardly be from queen-to-four, Mould played off his Alan Mould of Manchester chose to open Four No-Trumps. This is an ancient Acol convention asking par-ner to name an ace. It is far from technically correct on this hand: the hearts are not even solid, let alone the clubs. But it did simplify the remaining auction. When North (Michael Alexander) responded Five Diamonds to show that ace, Mould had a The national men's and

punt at Seven Hearts.

How would you play it on a trump lead? The technical line is to win with dummy's jack and finesse a club immediately, reserving the ace of diamonds as a later entry to repeat the finesse, picking up queen to four anside. Mould preferred to exploit his concealment of the club suit in the auction. He ran off the entire heart suit and

was interested to see East

discard a small club.

lop clubs dropping the queen offside 10 land his grand slam. It must be said that a top-class defender would realise that declarer was like ly to have a two-suiter for his Four No-Trump bid, and the second suit could only be

Coventry pairs

women's pairs championships were played in Coventry at the weekend.

Results: Men: 1, D Oran, (Heris) and T Waterflow (Middx): 2. M Starkings and Stevens (Leics); 3, I Pagan (Middx) and H Anoyrkatis (Beds). Women: 1, C Vioe and M Nathan (Middx): 2, R Trayman (Essex) and I Godfrey (Middx); 3. S Landy (Sussex) and A Walker

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

COCKING PIECE

LANGE LYZEN Painted ladies b. Winter underpants c. Lounge lizards

HAOMA a. Personal perfume b. Midsummer sunrise c. A sacred plant HALTIA

a. A winter shrub b. Guardian spirit c. Lameness

7 Topalov 8 Kasimdzhanov

9 Pikei 10 Bosboom 11 Timman 12 Van Wely 13 Reinderman 14 Yermolinsky In the above table, I represents a win, 1/2 a draw, and 0 a loss

Wilk aan Zec Blitz Tournament 1999

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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On their free day at the Wijk

aan Zee., the i grandmasters

contested a one-day blitz, in which every game had to be completed within ten minutes.

Kasparov dominated the event

winning by a 112-point margin

and defeating both his closest

Sicilian defence

g6 Bh6 Bg7 Nf6 O-O Bg4 Nd7 Ro8 Qe5 Bxe2

Nc5

White: R Kasimdzhanov

Black: G Kasparov Wijk aan Zee

Blitz tournament 1999

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Kasparov blitz

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

White to play. This position is from the game between Motjelev and Jirovsky, Rotterdam, 1998. Black's knight on e5 is doing a fine job prevent-

- Solution on page 50





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Going: soil, heavy in places

Wetherby

1.45 (2m ch) 1. Foundry Lane (Mr A Dempsey, evens fev); 2, independent Grey (14-1); 3. Fonshors Men (25-1), 5 ren. 18, sh. hd. Mrs. M Revetey. Tote: 52-20; 21-10, 52-60. DF: 58-00. CSF: 510-87. 2.15 (2m 4i 110/d hdle) 1, Prominent Profile (C Liewellyn, 9-4); 2, Master Pf-grim (6-4 issy); 5, Carbury Cross (7-2), 11 ian. 101, clar. N. Twiston-Davies. Toks: 23.50; 21.40, 21.10, 21.30. DF: 24.20. CSF-25.54. 2.45 (3m ff ch) 1, leitend Chief (R Supple, 5-1); 2, Share Options (6-1); 3, Neugray Ruture (5-1), Flar Top (4th) 2-4; fau. 7-ren. 2-4, 72, P. Beaumont. Tote: 24,70; 52.50, 53.50. DR: £15.40. CSP: £27.46. 3.18 (3m 1/ hole) 1, Biristaile (W Dowling, 5-1); 2, Worknosteichus (8-1); 3, For Cathel (8-1); The Belterwick (Gt (50h) 6-4 tav. 7 ren. 12; S. I. Lungo, Tote: £4.80; £2.80, £4.80, DF: £33.50, CSF; £35.91. LEICESTER 101 201 PORTWELL 102 202 LINGFIELD 103 203

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Going: standard 1.00 (1m 4) 1, No Stoce No News (A Cultene, 14-1); 2, Lucky Touch (4-7 fav); 3, Apoyatio (14-1), 8 na. N.P. Blue Hop-per, 4, 34, M. Buckley, Tote: 29 10; 21, 70, 21,00; 23,00, DF; 25-40, CSF; £19,85. 1.30 (tm) 1, Lady Peoplett (5 Drowns, 9-1); 2, Ultra Cato (7-2); 3, Cyro (2-1 tex), 9-ran, Nk, hd J Moore, Tota, £2.90; £2.70, £1.70, £1.10, DF. £15.00, CSF. £37.35. 2.00 (im) 1, Chineberry (D Memoch, 12-1); 2, Orbers (10-1); 3, Miss Al Akra (2-1 km); 13 sen. Hd, 14, M British, Total

2.30 (8) 1. Baptismal Rock (J Ouinn. 9-2 5-tev); 2. Octor (9-2 5-tev), 3. Alex (20-1); 4. Dahlgora (7-1), 16 mm. Sh.hd. 51. A Newcombe, Tois: \$5.10, 51.90, 51.90, 51.40, 51.20, DF: 514.80, Tota Triboda: 51.612.80, GSF: 521.22, Tribash 5291.17. 3.00 (6) 1, Ellion Lietger (6 Price, 5-2 fev), 2, Garnock Valley (5-1); 3, Most Report (11-2), 15 ren. Sh.h.d., 174 Mrs. N. Macaulay, Tolet: 52.90; 51.20, 52.20, 52.20, DF: 211.20, CSF: 514.38. 3.30 (1m S) 1, Dick Turpin (P Dobbs, 16-1); 2, King Prism (7-2); 3, Ambideatous (14-1), Such Botoness (5th) 6-4 by, 14 cm, 14 cm, 14 4 s, 8 Smart, Tote 521.80, 54.70, 51.70, 52.80, DF: 526.80, CSF: 539.40, Titcset 5784.21. Placepot: £29.86.

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Answers on page 50

ing the white rooks from invading along the e-file. How did White overcome this obstacle?



Aston Villa victory opens six-point gap at the top

his week, because only one Premiership game has been played in the past seven days. there is no award of a weekly prize and no ON-Target numbers. Prizes will be rolled over to next week — so watch out!

The player list (right) has been updated to include last Monday's garne between Aston Villa and Everton. As a result of Villa's 3-0 win, positions on our leaderboard have altered, with Robert Little's team. Broken Arrow, extending its lead over Phil Clarke's Shabadi United from a single impressive six.

Note that the Villa victory, which included two goals (worth six points) for Julian Joachim, and three-point clean sheets for goalkeeper Michael Oakes and defenders Gareth Barry. Ugo Ehiogu and Gareth Southgate, will not count towards the next weekly prize; the weekly winner announced on these pages in a week's time will be decided solely on the points scored in games played on Saturday January 30 and Sunday

Nevertheless, the points scored in that game could be decisive in the race for the monthly prize of £1,000 plus £100-worth of sports equipment, the January winner of which will be announced next week.

Any team including two-goal Julian Joachim as well as Steve Watson (who provided an assist for the third goal) and Paul Merson (who scored it) will have done well. On the other hand, Michael Ball, the Everton full-back who appears in many of the leading Fantasy teams. scored minus two as a result of



Remember that Watson and Merson, like Dion Dublin, were transferred to Villa from other clubs after the beginning of the season.

being part of a defence that conceded three goals, and the totals of many of the leaders could suffer as a and may therefore be selected in the same Fantasy League team, as they are counted as still belonging to their original clubs.

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Next weekend, for once, a full programme of ten Premiership matches will be completed on Saturday and Sunday, and there are some promising fixtures.

The first to catch the eye is the visit of Chelsea to Highbury, where Gianluca Vialli's team, shorn of much of its striking power, must try to breach the division's most impregnable detence to guarantee a further week at the top of the table. Villa, behind them only on goal difference, face a tricky trip to Newcastle, who will be smarting at allowing Charlton Athletic a last-gasp equaliser in their previous match, and Manchester United go to The Valley, where the home side will believe that the end of their eight-match losing streak represents the turning point of their season. Unfortunately, they will have to prove it against a team that scored six times in their previous game at

Elsewhere, Darren Huckerby, the in-form striker, will be out to see whether Liverpool's recent defensive improvement is real or imaginary. and expect a tight, low scoring encounter between Wimbledon and West Ham at Selhurst Park. Why? For the simple reason that, when they met at Upton Park, the Hammers squandered a three-goal lead, losing 4-3. Harry Redknapp, the manager, will be doing his utmost to ensure that there is no repeat of that defensive catastrophe.

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Powerful Spadea pulls the strokes to outwit Agassi

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

IT WAS as poor a performance as any that Andre Agassi has contrived in a decade of largely golden memories. The player he dismissed as a 'journeyman" ten months ago shattered any lasting illusions that Agassi still has the substance

to win a grand-slam title.

Agassi is unlikely to find so attractive an opportunity as at this Australian Open. A route once littered with barriers has parted like the Red Sea and yet Agassi has been found wanting. That knowledge will make Agassi's defeat one of the hardest he has had to bear.

Vince Spadea, whose nerve held firm when Agassi briefly threatened to indulge in mesmanship, was Agassi's first opponent to be ranked in the world's top 50. Agassi appeared impressive when roughing up interiors in the early rounds, but he collapsed when matched, blow for blow, in this fourth-round tussle.

It was apparent last year that Agassi's eight-month absence had diluted the fizz from his game. He attributed his poor grand-slam record in 1998 to his fervent pursuit of a world ranking commensurate with his talent. This time, he

DOUBLES: Third round: G Kusten (Br) and N Lapenti (Ecu) bt N Kuin and M Tistrom (Swe) 3-6, 7-6, 8-4; P Gastratin (US) and P Hearinus (Holl) bt M Microl (Belo) and A Otnociely (Rusa) 5-4, 6-4.

came here fresh and supposed- . ly primed for the fight. He showed little of that in succumbing to Spadea, whose own attitude was faultiess in a match rendered monotonous by do-or-die hitting.

The comments Agassi made about Spadea, back in March. clearly rankled his fellow-American. So much so that Agassi, seeded No 5, has lost two subsequent encounters between the pair. Mind you, Spadea looked more like the vanquished when he related his tale of victory.

His slumped posture hardly squared with one who, in his own words, has just achieved his biggest accomplishment to date. Well, I didn't end world hunger or anything extrava-gant like that," he said. What Spadea, the world No 44, may have done is to find a balance within his personal arrangements, His father, Vincent, has taken too paternal an interest in his career. Indeed, Agassi had also ventured that Spadea, 24, could scale the heights if he loosened his

father's overbearing embrace. Spadea' made that break towards the end of last year and has reaped an immediate

MIXED DOUBLES

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RESULTS

intent, often anticipating the direction of shot before Agassi had even swung his racket in So much so that Agassi appeared uninterested when padea served for the match. He made no effort to run down the last two points, and was humbled 6-1, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3

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ously advanced beyond the

fourth round of any grand

slam; now he plays the unseed-

ed Tommy Haas, of Germany, for a semi-final place.

Agassi opened the match as

though affronted by Spadea's

presence on the same court. He flailed wildly off both

wings, racking up an error-count of suicidal proportions.

"When I get a little discouraged, a lot of things start

breaking down," he said with

that Whenever Spadea struck

a clean ground stroke - and

he struck several -- Agassi

attempted to strike back even

harder. It was little wonder

that a host of pulped balls

were tossed, at regular inter-

play and running people

around." Spadea reflected of his opponent. "but I am capa-ble of hitting the ball as big as him." He also read Agassi's

"He is used to dictating the

vals, to the scrapheap.

rare understatement. There was more to it than

story about the paucity of Agassi's performance.
Spadea confronts Haas after the latter brushed aside Fabrice Santoro, of France, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5. Like Spadea, Haas, 20, is enjoying his most profitable grand-slam run on his second visit here. Unlike Spadea, Haas has yet to meet a seed in a tournament where those accorded that status have performed abjectly. At least Agassi was keeping good

in 2hrs 40 mins. A count of 71

unforced errors told its own

company. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, seeded



off the persistent Coetzer 6-3,

The break helped me to put my mind together and just

forget about what happened in the second set," Hingis said,

"but I had control of the match

pretty much the whole time."

In that respect, Hingle's

comments were at odds with

Hingis faces Mary Pierce in

her on-court performance.

No 10, escaped the rot yester-day. The Russian made hard work of beating Andrei Pavel, of Romania, who rallied from two sets down before succumbing 6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 3-6, 6-4.

Of the four men's seeds remaining, two collide in the quarter-finals tomorrow when Kafelnikov, of Russia, confronts Todd Martin, seeded No 15. Martin, of the United States, yesterday accounted for Wayne Black, of Zimbabwe, in straight sets.

A significant upset loomed in the women's event when, on a sweltering day, Martina Hingis, seeded No 2, left the court for a ten-minute break after sharing the first two sets with Amanda Coetzer, the

No 16 seed. Coetzer. of South the quarter-finals. Pierce, the Africa, rallied from 3-5 in the second set before poaching the No 7 seed, overwhelmed Anna Kournikova, seeded No 12, in ensuing tie break. Hingis, the a match described by Hingis title-holder, slowly frazzled in as a battle between the game's "blonde killers". That, too, a 31-degree temperature that proved wide of the mark as would have been considerably Kournikova, of Russia, disintehouer on the court. She required 129 minutes, embracgrated 6-0, 6-4 under Pierce's ing 67 unforced errors, to see

withering ground strokes. The two British boys engaged in the junior singles championship opened with victories. Mark Hilton, who made a favourable impression at the National Championships in November, edged out Bo Hodge, of the United States, 7-6, 7-5, and Lee Childs, of Somerser, trounced Charles Sevigny, of Canada, for the loss of only three games.

Graf and Seles still stirred by love of game

Julian Muscat savours the renewal of a rivalry that has been all too rare

AS Andre Agassi, one of the game's icons, departed incongruously from the men's singles in the Australian Open yesterday, two more advanced to a quarter-final pairing in the women's competition that evokes memories of a rivalry cruelly arrested in its tracks.

In a tournament yielding upset after upset, the senses were stirred when Steffi Graf and Monica Seles won through to confront each other tomorrow. It will be their fourteenth encounter since they first met in the French Open semi-finals a

decade ago.
At that time, Graf, of Germany, and Seles, Yugoslavia-born but now a United States citizen, were the game's irresistible force and immovable object. Between them, they won 21 of the 24 grand-slam tournaments between 1988 and 1993 - after which Seles was stabbed by a supporter of Graf's when playing in Hamburg. The rivalry that was sure to develop was never to reach fruition.

The pair have met twice in the grand-slam arena since Seles, her mind scarred more than her body, returned to the game in 1995. In that year, Graf defeated Seles in the US Open final after one of the finest matches in memory, Graf duplicated the verdict in the Flusbing Meadows final 12

lives have run along divergent off-court paths since Seles was stabbed.

Seles was troubled by the stomach cancer that ultimatewas to claim ber father. Karolj, in May last year. Graf, meanwhile, has been plagued by injuries and the scandal of her father and business mantence for tax evasion. These circumstances served to dilute a rivalry that would have

eclipsed all others. Graf, 29, has accrued 21 grand-slam titles: Seles. 25. has 12. Remarkably, Seles has yet to lose in the 39 matches she has played in Australia. The holder of four Australian Open titles, Seles is also onbeaten over 20 matches in Canada. Graf leads their meetings 9-4, but Seles triumphed in their only encounter here in the 1993 Australian Open

These days, both women compete without the burning intensity that governed their respective youths. Seles - who prevailed yesterday 6-0. 6-3 over Sandrine Testud, seeded No 14 - said of her reunion with Graf: "I am really looking forward to playing her. The only reason both of us are still playing is because we just love the game. Both of us want to have challenges





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CHANGING TIMES

President likely to survive bribery scandal

Olympic family will stand by Samaranch

preside are tarnished beyond redemption? The joyride is over for Juan Antonio Samaranch. His court, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, is discredited, and the uncomfortable road ahead is strewn with more and more inquiries, deeper and darker accusations.

The instinct to remain as head of this "family", as Samaranch calls the Olympic movement, may well defy all those who think the honourable course is for him to resign. The gratitude of the members. many of them invited into the circle by President Samaranch himself, doubtless will ease him through the vote of confidence to which he, grandly,

has subjected himself. However, even the IOC admits that Salt Lake City is not the only den of iniquity in what most see as bribery and corruption, and the president and his executive Olympians insist is merely the breaking of their solemn oath. The worst fear in Lausanne is that the United States judiciary and the House of Representatives will now subpoena members as witnesses under a more exacting oath, in criminal trials against officials of Salt

Lake City's Olympic bid. That is the future. So are the claims that Sydney. Amster-dam, Berlin, Melbourne and Ouebec, winners and losers in the bidding game, all spread excessive largesse to the Olym-pic family. Over here, from Manchester and possibly from Birmingham, there are cries that the foul nature of opposing bids robbed them of millions of pounds spent enter-taining IOC members. Aside from the inevitable question of whether this "gross hospitali-ty", as Manchester's Sir Bob Rob Hughes believes that the IOC must fulfil its promises

to carry out substantial reforms

the Mancunian bid, the Olympic godfathers might point out that Manchester did not lose last time around to Sydney. but, in fact, came third behind China. However, Papa Samaranch is in appeasing mood. 'We will study their (the cities seeking recompense) prob-lems, and I think the IOC will successor with "the prestige it give to them the just solution," he said yesterday.

Fine, and all this is going to be honest, transparent, accountable as never before in the Olympic process.

As the ranks close, as even those who stand in line to succession say this is not the time to impeach the president, we must assume that, barring more direct implication on his part. Samaranch will avoid his personal removal until his term expires in 2001. The vote of confidence, from the family, would be akin, after all, to asking the Democrats what should become of Bill Clinton, or expecting the athletes of all the world's games to sign and to stick by a pledge never to take a banned substance. So the best we can do is to be relentless in trying to ensure that Samaranch sticks to his word in spending the rest of his presidency seeking to ensure reform so that he could hand over the IOC to his

Prestige? The word, alas, has almost fallen through the

Leading article.

hollow rings. Two positive aspects have already emerged from the scandal. We learn that the IOC is to establish an Ethics Commission, composed of "senior persons, a majority of whom will be independent, outside members", and that, thank goodness, no longer will 114 members traipse around the globe with their goody bags, but an



Samaranch faces a vote of confidence by his members but

Beijing leads the backlash

The international Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday began to widen its investigation into the "votes-forfavours" allegations surrounding other recent bids to stage the Games. With the Olympic movement reeling from the resignations of three members and the recommendation that six others should be expelled after the inquiry into the choice of Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics. there are now fears that more revelations will damage fatally the world's biggest sporting

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, has emphasised that the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney and Salt Lake City Winter Games will not be moved. However, an inquiry will now begin into the statement last week by John Coates, who led the SydBY JOHN GOODBODY

ney bid, that money was offered to the national Olympic committees of Kenya and Uganda before the ballot in 1993, which gave Sydney a 45-43 victory over Beijing. Coales has insisted that the offers were not bribes but part of an assistance programme for African athletes.

However, Zhang Honghai, the head of foreign affairs for the Beijing City Government. said yesterday: "Such dirty things should not happen in Olympic bidding. The IOC should be able to resolve this problem, otherwise the Olympic movement will have no future. We felt at the time it wasn't just sports factors ... but we never imagined there were so many other various factors in the background." Five Nagano residents have

ioined the controversy by planning to file a lawsuit today to demand the return of £4.75 millioo of taxpayers' money. which went into the successful bid for the 1998 Winter Games. The account book, detailing how the money was

> Kaoro Iwata, the leader of the residents' group, said: "We assume that the official subsidies were spent for such illegal purposes as excessive entertainment and suspected vote-buying. The burning of the account book itself supports the suspicion."

spent, has been destroyed.

Sumikazu Yamaguchi, a former external affairs officer for the bid committee, has said that he ordered the book's destruction as "there was no space for storage". He added that such records could be "embarrassing" to some IOC members.

ing eight 10C members who are not on the executive board. plus three, athletes, and one representative of the International Winter Sports Federations, be formed to ensure

The fOC, the unimpeach able supreme body in sport, thus admits that it must be seen to police itself. It admits the need for an Ethics Commission, that the enlarged family could not be trusted to make the honourable decision.

We are getting somewhere, slowly. Questioning Sama-ranch, and his ability, at 78, to carry out reform, is not entire ly ageist. Sir Arthur Gold, the retired London solicitor, is 82 and still president of the Amateur Athletics Association and honorary life-president of the European Athletics Associa-tion. Principles have nothing to do with age," Sir Arthur said yesterday. "I believe either Samaranch was incompetent or ill-informed if he was unaware of the culture of gifts accepted by his members. In either case the honourable course would be to resign,"

Gold, a fearless campaigner in his day against drug abuse, has little faith in a vote of confidence ousting the IOC presi-dent. "It will be an open show of hands by a body of men and women, over 50 per cent of whom enjoyed his patronage and cannot condemn him." Gold said. "There is a lack of courage, people will not stand up for principles."

e is aware that the Winter Olympics have a spin-off from income derived from the facilities for many years after the Games. but Gold believes that it is time to return the Summer Olympics to Greece, where they were originally founded more than a thousand years before the birth of Christ. To Athens in perpetuity?
"No, I'm thinking of Olym-

pia where, close to the Mediter-ranean, we could create a site rather like a Vatican City."

The British, long ago, had their turn at leading and administering world sports. Our schoolmasters did not envisage the marriage of money and sport which, down the television lens and in the era of the satellite wars, have turned sport irredeemably into gargantuan business, with all its loated problems for security and potential for corruption.

Yet it was a Briton, Dame Mary Glen-Haig, an honorary member of the IOC, who questioned before the centenary modern Olympics in Atlanta in 1996: "Has the challenge presented by Pierre de Coubertin to the youth of the world been honoured? Are we guilty of bowing to man's desire for power in sport? Is

there a God named Money?" Questions of weight indeed, questions that will not be answered until the bribery sorry, misconduct - saga has run its disreputable course.



Panis launches bid to banish fear factor

THE one piece of baggage no racing driver can afford to carry with him to the 16 grands prix that make up the Formula One world championship is fear. Yet Olivier Panis coofessed yesterday that he drove through last season knowing that a single accident could spell the end of his career. That fear haunted him at every race, a "dark

cloud", as the Frenchman described it, that hung over him each time he climbed into the cockpit of his Prost-PeugeoL His confidence was affected badly enough for both he tious future and Panis, 32

and Alain Prost, his team principal, to decide on a cauhas only a one-year contract. Prost said: "He needs to drive 100 per cent this season. Because the car was not good last year, it made his problems worse, but he can put that behind him now."

For a racing driver to admit to being frightened requires bravery, though Panis refused to unburden himself at the time either to Jarno Trulli, his team-mate, or to Prost. "Alam had enough to worry about without having to listen to me and my wor-ries." Panis said. "But he has been behind me all the way

Kevin Eason on the anxieties that have dogged a

bright talent of Formula One

since my accident and it was my confidence in him that brought me back into Form-

Panis had established himself as one of the sport's most exciting young drivers when, at Montreal in 1997, the suspension of his Prost failed and the car smashed into a tyre wall at 180mph. When doctors freed him from the wreckage, few thought that' he could overcome the damage to his twisted legs and return to life at the top.

Panis thought be could until the first grand prix of last season when he realised that the trauma and the aftereffects of his injuries would play a substantial role in determining whether he could drive to the limits of his

Doctors had warned him that they could not repair his right leg, fixed with two metal supports from ankle to knee. if it was damaged again. Panis said: Things were diffi-cult in my head. I was driving knowing that a mistake could mean the end of driving in Formula One and that is not the way to go out in a grand prix. It was always there with

The answer was to book himself into a hospital immediately after the final race of last season to have the metal removed from his legs. The Olivier Panis who had a brief test in a car before Christmas feit revitalised and confident in a leg that had more movement and sensitivity to the

throttle control. If he is to return to winning ways, though, he will need more than his old bravery and skill. The Prost-Pengeon was unwieldy and mareliable last season. Alain Prost has hired John Barnard, designer of his world championshipwinning McLaren of the 1980s, to try to create a new and more aerodynamic car.

Even so, Prost remains cautious. "We have to assume that McLaren and Ferrari will be in front, but then there will be several teams after that," he said. "We want to be competing with them for points. That has to be our goal for this season."

McRae awaits water pump appeal

McRae's Ford team will appear before an FIA court of appeal in Paris on Monday to find out whether their result from the Monte Carlo Rally will stand (Jeremy Hart writes). The team ran under appeal after their cars were found with illegal water pumps. If the team are not excluded, they will be free to run the rest of the year with the oversized pump. ff, as expected, their result is withdrawn, the long-term future of the car will be decided at a meeting of the FIA's rally technical working group on February 4. At her Ford can hope that FIA will bring in a rule change to allow the water pump to be used for the rest of the year. At worst, the team could be banned from using the pump for the rest of 1999.

CRICKET: Ricky Ponting. the Australia batsman, has been suspended for three matches by the Australia Cricket Board as punishment for his part in a nightelub brawl. Ponting was also given a suspended fine of \$5,000 (£1,940). The 24-year-old Tasmanian has aiready missed two of Australia's one-day internationals against England and Sri Lanka because he was stood down after being knocked unconscious in a Sydney nightciab on January 18: Ponting is seeking connecting for a drinking problem.

E SNOOKER: Tony Drago and Mark King suffered surprise deleats in the first round of the Regal Welsh Open in Cardiff yesterday. Drago was beaten 5-0 by Stuart Bingham, ranked 164th in the world, and King, a finalist in this event two years ago, went down 53 to fike Dunn, the world No 139.

M CRICKET: Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, was named Australian of the Year yesterday. He follows Allan Border, a former captain, in winning the covered award. Other notable Australians to achieve the honour include Paul Hogan, the Crocodile. Dundee actor, Sir Jack Brabham, the racing driver, and Dame Joan Sutherland. the sonrano.

BASKETBALL: Michael Olowokandi, the No I pick is the National Basketball Association draft, was released from his contract with Kinder Bologna, the Italian League club. vesterday, leaving him free to oin the Los Angeles Clippers.

RUGBY UNION: PROPOSALS COULD SIGNAL THE END OF CROSS-BORDER FIXTURES

English prepare to leave Wales behind Tuigamala helps Gateshead

WTTH only five days until the sched-uled deadline for agreement on the structure of English domestic rugby, it appears increasingly likely that proposals for an Anglo-Weish league will collapse. Against the backdrop of increased opposition within England to the concept, including the unwanted spectre of a special general meeting. the Rugby Football Union (RFU) told Welsh officials on Sunday at a meeting at Droitwich that they would accept only five Welsh clubs in a cross-border competition. It is an ultimatum to which Wales, which wants double that

figure, will not agree. In the unlikely event of the impasse being broken, it appears that England will stick with the Allied Dunbar Premiership, even in a restructured format. That places a significant question mark over the futures of Cardiff and Swansea, who would appear to have little option but to return to the Welsh league. However, the problem of the

ten-year loyalty agreement that both clubs refused to sign would still have to

Asked whether he felt that English clubs were ready to turn their backs on the supposedly binding legal agreement, Gareth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive, who also sits on the board of English First-Division Rugby (EFDR), said: "I don't know, but if they did, it would not say much for them. As far as I am concerned, it is a two-way thing. "All our argument is about is finding

a level for a professional game. The way things stand, we can't negotiate with the WRU. There is no give and take. We wrote to them three weeks ago with a letter outlining what we felt and so did a number of other Welsh clubs - was a workable, peaceful solution. We haven't had a reply yet." He will find out more today at an EFDR board meeting in London.

which is due to hear an update on progress from Tom Walkinshaw, the chairman. Walkinshaw will outline various scenarios in the knowledge that the RFU will insist that the clubs will be liable for fines imposed by the International Rugby Board for playing the unofficial matches that have already cost the union £60,000 in

A senior official said: 'The whole English game should not suffer for the action of the clubs. I think the IRB is understanding our position more and accepting the dilemma that their submission to the European Commission places us in." The clubs themselves also realise

withheld grants.

that an Anglo-Welsh tournament could fall under the control of the Five Nations Committee, creating the prospect of continued turmoil. In an attempt to allay the lears of

clubs in England and, in particular, those of Bristol and Worcester, the RFU reiterated yesterday that any structure put into place next season would be subject to the principles of the Mayfair Agreement with regards to the issues of relegation and promodon It also gave assurances that any club affected in any proposed changes would be party to any discussions.

Martin Johnson plays his 200th first-team game for Leicester, the league leaders, tonight, when they meet Richmond at the Madejski Stadium in a match re-arranged from last week. With Stuart Potter injured. Craig Joiner retains his place at outside centre and Graham Rowntree returns at looschead prop. Neil Back is

Richmond have named a squad, but the only definite non-starter is Adrian Davies. John Davies is expected to make his last appearance before finalising a move to Lianelli on Thursday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WHEN Gateshead Thunder play their first pre-season match away to Castleford Tigers on Friday, they will have in their ranks a 19-stone Tongan wing recommended by Va'aiga Tuigamala, who is ssisting the new JJB Super League club in an advisory capacity. Epi Taione, 18, has been playing rugby union for Tynedale for 18 months and has spent four weeks training with Gateshead.

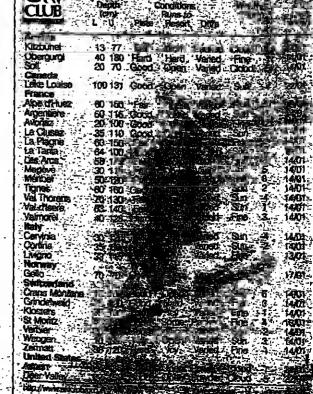
He is one several South Seas players whom Tuigamala is helping to nurture in both codes, although the Newcastle Falcons wing has no plans to return to rugby league him-self. "Inga [Tuigamala] has some ideas about developing young island players and we have been talking to him about a million things, from race relations to education, but not about playing for us," Shane Richardson, the Gateshead chief executive, said.

Kevin Tamati, the coach of Whitehaven, has offered Tuigamala match terms to guest for the Cumbrian side in the first division over the summer, however, "He hasn't said no to joining us," Tamati said. The one significant transfer before the Silk Cut Challenge Cup deadline expired last night was a move by Tony Kemp, the Leeds Rhinos-stand-off half, to Wakefield

The former Castleford and Newcastle Knights player has signed a two year deal with the promoted Super League

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE. Maea David, the Western Samoa utility player, has joined Bramley, of the fall division from Hull Sharks, a club. Kemp, 31, struggled to make the Leeds side last year

vear after a broken leg in a and competition at stand-off has increased at Headingley pre-season match restricted with the addition of Karl Pratt, him to one appearance in the from Featherstone Rovers. Super League. **SNOW REPORTS** CLUB





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FOOTBALL

Collymore seeks help for stress and depression

STAN COLLYMORE, the temperamental Aston Villa striker, is to seek counselling for stress and depression in an ittempt to resurrect his career in the FA Carling Premier-ship. Neither Collymore nor John Gregory, the Villa manager, were willing to speak oublicly about the latest twist in the player's controversial career yesterday, but a statement was issued by the club.

It read: "Stan Collymore has made it clear that pressure and stress have been building up for a long period of time, which culminated in the decision by-the club not to consider him fit to play on Saturday. Following this, Stan decided that he wishes to seek further counselling to help him overcome his current

"Following extended meetings throughout the day with both Stan and his representative, the manager and board of directors of Aston Villa FC have expressed their desire to help Stan through his current problems, as it would with any

of its employees."
Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, was also unavailable to expand on the statement, which was made necessary by Collymore's failure to turn up

tie against Fulham at Villa Park on Saturday, which Fulham won 2-0. Collymore was believed to be angry at Gregory's decision to use him only as a substitute but Paul Streiford, his agent, claimed that he had visited the club's medical staff and had been

diagnosed as 'fil". Gregory took training as usual yesterday morning, but Collymore was not there. When Gregory left the train-ing ground; he declined to discuss the matter. After the meeting between, Gregory. Ellis, Collymore and Streetford. which went on into the early evening, the statement was issued with no further



for the FA Cup fourth-round "O'Neill and Reid aim for same goal By MEL WEBB

THERE is much for Leicester City and Sunderland to play for when they meet in the first leg of the Worthington Cup semi-final at the Stadium of Light tonight, not least of which is the restoration of

fractured confidence. Both clubs were eliminated . from the FA Cup on Saturday but with a place in Europe "Sunderland's priority is sectioning the winner of the promotion and although I'm competition, both will be sure Peter Reid will pour anxious to wipe the memory of such recent cup reverses from their minds.

The feaths were busy play-ing the mutual admiration is likely that quarter will be neither taken, nor given.

"Coming up against a Premiership outfit like Leicester, who I have a lot of respect for, is a tough test." Kevin-Ball, the Sunderland captain, said. They're a league above us and they're doing well. But on the pitch, it's just two teams having a right good go at each other." Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, regards Sunderland as certainties for the FA Carling Premiership next season, and has no illusions as to the task facing his side, who have conceded nine goals in

ty in the league might mean them not being fully wound

up for a cup game," he said. "But we know it will be game yesterday, but when it tough. Sunderland appear to comes to the action tonight, it be, playing at Premiership standard ahready, and the difference in league status will count for nothing when

we get on the pitch Tony Cottee has a calf strain and, if he unable to play, Muzzy Izzet may have to move up from midfield for the second game running to part-ner Emile Heskey.

comment. While there might be some sympathy if Collymore's apparent plight is genuine, many Villa fans have long been disenchanted by his antics since he joined the club from Liverpool for £7 million in May 1997. The allment does appear to be catching, too, with Paolo Di Canio, the Sheffield Wednesday striker, and Mark Viduka, the Celtic striker, having cited stress for the recent absences from their

Collymore's day had begun badly when he learnt that he faces a possible driving ban. He failed to turn up at Birmingham magistrates court to answer a charge of driving his Range Rover at 82mph in a 40mph zone in Birmingham on August 25 last year.

respective clubs.

With minds focused on Collymore, Villa officials had little time yesterday to contem-plate the possible move of Juninho, the Atletico Madrid and former Middlesbrough midfield player; to Villa Park. Representatives of Atletico visited the Midlands for preliminary talks last week, but Middlesbrough have since emerged as favourites to re-sign the Brazilian.

Juninho played only as a 66th-minute substitute in Atletico's 2-l victory against Celta Vigo on Sunday, but reaffirmed his desire to stay in Spain. However, Arrigo Sac-chi, the Atletico coach, said that Juninho played no part in his plans. I appreciate him as a footballer but the problem is that I can't play him and Juan Carlos Valeron together," Sacchi said. "We have two excellent central midfielders but when they have played togeth-

er, things haven't worked out." Osvaldo Giraldo, Juninho's father and business adviser, is believed to favour a move to Middlesbrough, who Juninho left for a fee of £12 million 18 maths ago. Middlesbrough "Sunderland's priority is Juninho and Steve Groson, according to promotion and although I'm club chairman, is due fly to Spain this week for talks, Bryscorn on the idea, sitting pret- an Robson, the manager, is expected to accompany him.

Though Gregory acknowledges Middlesbrough's option, which is legally binding, he said: "That doesn't mean anything if the player doesn't want to go there."
Marc-Vivien Foe is expected

to make his debut for West Ham United against Wimbledon on Saturday after completing his £3.5 million transfer from Lens. The Cameroon international, who can play in central midfield or defence, passed a medical yesterday.



David Hacker and Carolyn Reid, who have been named Hockey Sport 1998 Club Players of the Year, show off their respective silverware in London yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Hacker, 34, is the first Welshman to receive the award. He made more than 100 appearances for Wales, though represented Great Britain on only five occasions, being unlucky to have missed selection for the 1992 Olympie Games in Barcena. He was captain and player-coach of Wales at the Commonwealth Games

in Malaysia last year and successfully led Wales in the European Nations Cup qualifying tournament. Hacker, a her at Millfield School, played most of his bockey with Hounslow in the 1980s but has since joined forces with Sean Kerly at Canterbury. Reid, 26, the England international who plays for Hightown, becomes the first goalkeeper to be honoured since Jo Thompson won the award in 1991 (Cathy Harris writes). She produced excellent performances in

England's international build-up to the World Cup in Utrecht last year, and by established as Nn I in the position. Though England could finish only ninth, her season ended on a high note with a Commonwealth silver medal. A teacher at St Nicholas Roman Catholic High School in Hartford, Cheshire, she captained England Under-21s at the 1993 World Cup in Spain, and has won several indoor and outdoor medals in European club competition.

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and Singapore stock exchanges. Martin Gilbert, the chief

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ROWING: SCOTS SEE TRADITIONAL CHALLENGE ON THAMES AS VALUABLE ASSET

Boat Race finds sound investment

BOTTLES of whisky, rather than gin, were distributed to press men yesterday when it was announced that Aberdeen Asset Management, the Scot-land-based investment group. will sponsor the Boat Race for the next three years, with an option for a further three years

No definite figure was giv en, but it is known that Aberdeen Asset Management will be more than matching Beefeater, the Boat Race sponsor for 12 years up to 1998, which handed more than £1.4 million over the last three years of firmed by Charlie Humphreys,

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

its involvement with the event. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the news was received with some relief by Duncan Clegg, the race organiser, who has been chasing potential sponsors since 1997, when Beefeater announced that 1998 would be its final year of commitment.

Both the Oxford and Cambridge squads have had to adjust their training expenditure since September, but can now concentrate more fully on the task in hand, a fact con-

the Oxford president, who said of the deal yesterday: "It makes

our lives a lot easier." Clegg said: "In the context of today's sponsorship marketplace, we believe this is an excellent deal. The support means that the Universities will be able to maintain their investment in coaching, training and equipment, which probably produced the fastest two crews ever in 1998."

Aberdeen Asset Management manages investments in excess of £14 billion and is

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sor that we can live with". The new sponsor has no intention of moving the Boat Race to Scotland. "It's too cold up there." Gilbert said. Cambridge, with six wins in a row. will race Oxford on the usual course on April 3.

ICE SKATING

SPORT

Yagudin left with ground to make up

FROM ANGELA COURT

THE European figure skaning championships commenced yesterday with the men's qualifying rounds. Thirty-five men from 29 naoons performed their free programme and there were surprises, as is usual at these events.

Beforehand, all of the medals seemed certain to go to Russia on Thursday night, but a technically poor perform-ance from Alexei Yagudin, the world champion and defending European champion, put him in third place in his group behind lesser-known skalers from France and Germany. The free programme is now worth 20 per cent of the final

Yagudin, 18, made three uncharacteristic mistakes. A fall on a triple axel jump, and a doubling out on two fater triple jumps left him shaking his head. "I don't know what happened," he said. "It wasn't nerves, and my warm-up was good. I didn't expect to skate so

His compatriots, Alexei Urmanov, 25, the 1994 Olympic champion, and Evgeni Plushenko, 16, who recently won the Russian national championship, had mixed fortunes. Plushenko was Dutstanding, pulling off eight triple jumps and a quadruple oe loop with apparent ease. He received marks up to 5.9 for both jechnical merit and presentation to win his group comfortably.

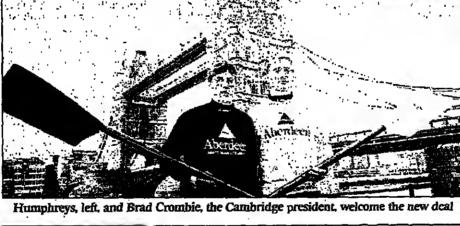
Urmanov, who missed all of ast season with a groin injury. fell heavily on his opening quadruple toe loop jump and over-rotated a triple lutz to finish second behind Plushenko. Until last summer, all three Russian competitors were coached by Alexei Mishin, in St Petersburg. Then Yagudin transferred to the United States to train with Tatiana Tarasova, who steered anoth-

er Russian, Ilia Kulik, to Olympic gold last season. Now out to show his worth under Tarasova's guidance, Yagudin cannot afford further

errors if he is to retain the title. Clive Shorten and Neil Wilson, the British competitors survived the cut and qualified to skate in tonight's short programme.

Wilson, making his return to competition after a year of injury, skated tentatively, though. His triple jumps were less than secure, but strong spins and classic presentation gave him eighth place in the first group. Shorten, the British champ-

ion, doubled two intended triples and fell on a triple lutz. but attacked his programme with vigour and finished fourteenth in the second group.



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TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL

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Duval produces theatrical performance in the round

Mel Webb on the golfer who could not stand the thought of reaching 60

HIS time, the face of stone had to crack. time, legendary stoicism did not come to the rescue. This time, the thin, pursed line that is usually formed by his lips broke into the broadest of smiles. David Duval does not make a habit of revealing to the world what passion beats under his carapace of cool, but this time even Mr Taciturn allowed himself a whoop of joy. It is not every day of a man's life that he creates a moment of sporting history.

Duval, 27, had played well enough for four of the five days of the Bob Hope Classic in California last week, but when he climbed on to the first tee at La Quinta on Sunday afternoon, he was seven strokes off the lead with only 18 holes in which to make up the leeway. He had thought about what he might need to make a real impression in the final shake-up and arrived at the conclusion that he might need a 59 to achieve it.

People just don't score 59s to win leading professional tour-naments. In fact, people just don't score 59s, full stop. Only twice in the history of the US PGA Tour had anybody broken 60, and never to win. That is what Duval had to do. So he went out there and did it.

There is not much doubt that, for all Tiger Woods' continued presence at the top of the rankings, for more than a year Duval could present very strong credentials for recognition as the hottest player in world golf. He won four tournaments last year and continued in similar vein by taking the first event of this season, too.

But 59? Surely not. The last man to break 60 on one of the leading tours of the world was Chio Beck, in the third round of the Las Vegas International in 1991, and it is necessary to go back to 1977 no find the only other occasion that it has happened - Al Geiberger in the second round of the Memphis Classic. Duval is pretty coldblooded, but although he may have thought that 59 was what he wanted to win the 90-hole tournament, 59 cannot be what he honestly expected to

He got a clue that something special might be about to happen when he had birdies at each of the first three holes. More followed on the 5th and 9th to put him back into the thick of things again. He was

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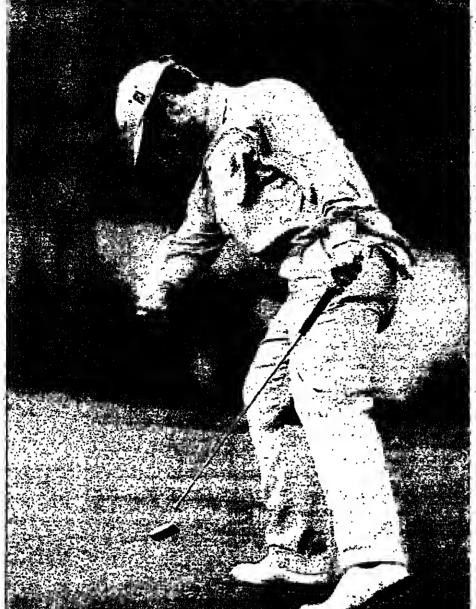
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Duval is exultant after sinking the putt that gave him an eagle on the 18th and completed his remarkable round

getting closer; but it could hardly last, it could. And did. And then some

Having played the first nine holes in 31 strokes, he turned the return journey into a triumphal march. There is a blessed state of grace into which sportspeople occasionally go, and

2 (514 yards, per 5): Driver, four-fron, sand-wedge to 3ft, one put — birdie.

3 (180 yards, par 3): Six-iron to 3ft, one putt — birdie, 4 (396 yards, par 4): Two-iron, nine-iron to 15ft, two

5 (233 yards, par 3): Five-Iron to 5ft, one pust -- birdie: 6 (562 yards, par 5): Driver, five-iron, sand-wedge to 30tt, two putts — per.

7 (439 yards, par 4): Two-fron, seven-fron to 40ft, two

8 (358 yards, par 4): Three-wood, sand-wedge, three-

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while in this transcendental had been the distant, spectral condition, they are capable of superhuman deeds. The Zone, they call it: the Zone welcomed Duval as a visitor in the last nine holes of his round.

Some time before Duval finished his round, it began to dawn on him that the 59 that .. on the 17th. Somebody had lit

DAVID DUVAL'S CLASSIC 59 SHOT-BY-SHOT

1 (426 yerds, par 4): Driver, pitching-wedge to 5th, one 10 (453 yerds, par 4): Three-wood, sand-wedge to 4th, one put — birdle.

2 (514 yerds, par 5): Driver, four-fron, sand-wedge to 4th, one put — birdle.

11 (512 yerds, par 5); Driver, four-fron, pitching-wedge to 4th, one put — birdle.

after all. He was II under par for the first 16 holes, and needed to pick up two shots on the last two to break 60, but he left a 20st putt for a birdie 5st short

12 (207 yards, per 3): Society to 2ft, one put — birds. 13 (447 yards, per 4): Three-wood, seven-tion to 12ft,

two putts — per.

14 (569 yards, per 5): Driver into bunker, five-iron, sand-wedge to 10ft, one putt — birdie.

15 (155 yards, per 3): Eight-tron to 1ft, one putt — birdie.

16 (364 yards, par 4): Two-iron, sand-wedge to six inches, one putt — birdie.

17 (130 yards, par 3): Nine iron to 20it, two putts -

18 (543 yards, par 5): Driver, five from to 6ft, one put

the torch back there on the 1st tee - now it appeared as though it had been suddenly extinguished.

It was time, among all the coruscation, for a really big closing number. He hit an enormous drive on the 543 yard par-five, then put a five-iron to 6ft. Six feet for an eagle, 6ft for 59, oft for a fittle piece of immortality. Duval's face was a blank canvas as he looked at his line, impassive as he addressed the ball, calm as he hit it. And then went gently mad as it rolled into the hole.

It brought him victory by a shot, took his earnings in two events this year to \$1,008,000 (about £630,000) and was his ninth win in his past 28 tournaments. Time for the ower man to indulge in a little self-aggrandisement. "I'm playing quite well," he said. Now, now, David - no boasting.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Fiction reflecting fact

Bent coppers are not as rare in police shows as they used to be (fiction sadly reflecting life) but they are usually flushed out and dealt with. DS Beech (Billy) usually flushed out and dealt with. DS Beech (Billy Murray) of The Bill, however, has been on the take for some time and while he has come close to being rumbled, so far the scriptwriters have allowed him to survive. It is a delicate matter. If Beech goes on taking bungs from villains, the series could be accused of condoning police corruption. If he is exposed, The Bill loses one of its best characters. Beech is at it again tonight, but this time his colleague DS Daly (Ray Ashcroft) is on to him. Since there has never been any love lost between the two, this latest confrontation has a special edge and redeems one of those convoluted plots which and redeems one of those convoluted plots which have sometimes marred the show since it went back to 60-minute episodes.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9.00pm

BBC2, 9.00pm

There is a double helping of Rick Stein on BBC2 tonight, for in addition to his cookery series he is also the railway traveller, crossing Mexico from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic. His reason for choosing Mexico is that he came to the country 30 years ago as a young backpacker and tell in love with it, not least for its cooking. Food makes regular appearances in the programme but there is far more to Stein than being the only Cornish fish cook on television. He enjoys rail travel for a start, even if he worries about the state of the Mexican tracks. He is also a fan of Hollywood westerns, many of which were shot at one of his stopping places. Durango, where John Wayne had a ranch. And he is shrewd about the Mexican character, in which he admires an ability to get along without rules and regulations. without rules and regulations.

Station X Channel 4, 9.00pm

Coming Alive

Radio 4, 11-30am

The story of wartime code breaking at Blenchley Park continues by charting how the supposedly impenetrable German Enigma codes were successfully cracked to the enormous benefit of the Allied war effort. With the odds against doing it many times longer than winning the National

When the original version of John Pilger's film was transmitted five years ago, the TV helping received more than 4,000 calls a minute, refuting perhaps the notion that East Timor is too far away for us to care about. Pilger's polemic, for it is nothing less, has a double target. On the one hash, he is condemning what he claims to be fit genocide carried out by the Indonesian dictainship on the people of East Timor after its brutal occupation of the former Portuguese colony in 1975. On the other hand, Pilger accuses the Governments of Britain, the United States and Australia of complicity and connivance. Britain is charged with having been, and still being a principal supplier of arms to the Indonesian regime.

Peter Waymark RADIO CHOICE

> **New Healers** Radio 4, 9.00pm

The Timor Conspiracy

Genetic engineering has received vast publicity via such wonders as Dolly the sheep, but the impression remains that not many people have actually been helped by the process. The problem identified in this programme is that, while scientists have found ways to alter the DNA of individual cells, they have not been sheet by the process. they have not been able to do so on a large enough, scale to change the way the body functions in terriport of disease eradication. Tonight's programme suggests that a second wave of research may have brought success closer. In Edinburgh, scientists are hoping to help cystic fibrosis victims by introducing new genes into their lungs, and at Hammersmith Hospital, London, there is hope of a cancer vaccine through gene therapy.

Peter Barnard

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Belley's Easter Breaklast, Soothing music and information updates 8.00 Heavy Kelly. The Half of Fame Flour and Flecord of the Week. Music delivered with that notable high

wit and charm; Henry Kelly hosts the morning on Classic FM

8.10 School Run. 9.00 The Hell of Fame Hour 12.00pm Lunchtime Requests, Jame Jones introduces listeners favourities 2.00 Concerto, Finzi: Clarinet Concerto in C minor

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John Pilger presents an updated version of the The Timor Conspiracy (ITV, 10.40pm)

Lottery, it took very bright minds, but Bletchley Park had some of the best. They included Alan

Park had some of the best. They included Alan Turing, remembered as an eccentric genius and, significantly in view of later revelations of the homosexuality which wrecked his career, very shy of women. Turing's achievement was to discover the secret of the German naval codes at a time when U-hoats were causing terrible damage to Allied shipping. But it needed the chance discovery of a book of code settings on a U-hoat captured of Iceland to complete the job.

Radio 4. 11-30am

There is a contemporary flavour to this new supart series by Jim Eldridge, best remembered for King Street Junior, which starred Karl Howman. Writer and actor combine again here, with Howman playing Terry King, a conman whom we meet on the last day of his latest prison sentence looking forward to fresh air at Grove Hill Farm, where he is sent as part of a rehabilitation programme. Unfortunately for King, Grove Hill turns out to be a crumbling project on a North London estate, where King and a social worker, played by Phyllis Logan, try to breathe life into the centre. Much of the half-absorbed learning that King has gleaned from working in the prison library comes intoplay, as do some of his more nefarious past habits. RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.90am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Kévin Greening 2.00 Mark Radditte 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.46 Newbbest 6.00 Cive Warren, Chart hits 8.00 Steve Lamaco 10.00 Digital Update 10.10 John Peel. The best Inches 12.00mm The Breszeblock 2.00 Emma B 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00pm Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewent 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Alan Freeman 8.00 Nigel Opdant 9.00 Opt Pat: Phy Years the Showbiz, Petula Clark 10.00 Susan Jelfrays (48) 10.30. Richard Alfinson 12.00am Katrina Leskanich 3.00 Alex Leste

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 Breeklast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00em The Mickey News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Daive 7.00 News Edra, A lult round-up and the main sports builtain of the day 7.30 The Tuesday Maich. Sunderland v Lecestar City in tonight's first log of the Worthington Cup semi-final 10.00 Late Night Live. News and topical discussion, with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up Al Night Phod Sharp presents a preview of the day's papers

VIRGIN

6.30mm Danny Baker 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00mm Nick Abbot 4.00 Hamlet Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 Mark Forest 1.00mm James Marritt 4.30 Fichard Allen

TALK RADIO 8.00mm Big Boys Breakfast with David Benits and Mick Ferrari 9.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Reaburn 3.00 Peter Deeky's Drivetime 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Eutranit's People 8.00 James Whate 1.00mm Ian Collins

tariounies 2,00 Concerts, First Clarinet Concerts in C minor 3,00 Jamile Crick. Continuous Classics and Attamon. Romance 6,30 Newsnight. Sport, finance and news updates, with John Eturning 7,00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning Introduces classical sounds 9,00 Evening Concerts Brahms: Academic Festival Overture. Sibelius: Violin Concerts in D minor: Berflox: Symphones Fantastique 11,00 Maior #, Night. Music through til the wee small hours 2,00emr Concerts. First Straight Clarinet Concerts in C minor (r) 3,00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show. Early Breakfast Show 4.45 Music Machine How a violin is made

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5.00 in Tune The Tariztheater Wuppertal dance company. Weber (Clarinet Concerto in E flat)
7.30 Performance on 3 Handel (il Pamasso in Estat)
9.55 Postscript Sir Stephen Turnen introduces excerpte from George Orwell's essey Politics and the English Language
10.20 Night Visions The first recordings of this recent place by Matthew Taylor — played by the Campbell Ensemble
10.45 Night Wawes Richard Coles take to leading South African poet and journalist Antije Krog
11.30 Jazz Notes Blue Note records
12.00am Composer of the Weelc Purcell (Welcome to all the Pleasures, 2338); (From Start Shades 2370); (They That So Down to the Sea in Shades 2370); (They That So Down to the Sea in Shades 257); (if Prayers and Tears, 2380); (Checory and minor, 2730); (Rejoice in the Lard Always, 248); (if Through the Night With Donald Macleod 1.00 Music by Philidor, Bach, Cime, Kindermenn and Lecial: 220 Mozat (Plano Senata in C. K548)
2.40 Helu (Trumpet Concerto). 3:00-5:00 Schools 3:15 Time to Move. 3:35 Let's Mate a Story. 3:50 Drama 4:10 in the News Special Edition. 4:30 Hop, Skip, and Jump. 4:45 Anne e bhad. 5:10 Miczart (Plano Concerto No 17 in G, K453)

6.00am On Air Petroc Trelawny on the standing of the 1999 Classical Awards from Cannes, France 9.00 Masterworks With Peter Hobday, Kuntau (Overture "Lulu"); 9.08 Schubert (Piano Sonata in E. D459); 9.37 Mozart (D'Elsio in sen m'atterde); 9.45 Bloch (Schelomo); 10.08 Prokoliev (Suita "Leutenent Klie") Chicago SO/Claudio Abbado 10.30 Artist of the Week Midon table to Joen Bakewell 11.00 Sound Stories Elizabeth I 12.00pm Composer of the Week Midon table to Joen Bakewell 11.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtlime Concert Live from Betast. Mozart (Piano Tho in E flat, K496); Kurtag (Homage to Schumarn); Francaix (Trio) 2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Phithermonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier and Charles Mackerras, Peter Donohoe (piano). Bridge (Suite "The Sea"); Olione (The Fiddlei); Bartok (Plano Concerto No 3); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D).
4.00 Volces Iain Burneide Introduces songs by French Concert tradition. Satie (Trols poemes d'amour); Chabner (Pastorale des cochons roses); Milinaud (Catalogue des fieurs); Poulenc (Quatre poemes de Guillaume Apolinaire); Roussel (Jazz dens la nuit); Satie (Trois medodes, Honegger) Rosenthal (Chensons de Monsieur Bleu) (r)

5.30nm World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Cheriotte Smith
6.00 Today With Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 No Triumph, No Trapedy Disabled achievers
from the US talk frankly with Peter White (4/5)
9.30 The New Racrutt A trainer flonst discusses the
meaning of the red rose with his embloyer (3/5)
9.45 (LW) Dailly Service
9.45 (FM) Serial: The Violorian Internet David
Histoul reads from Tom Standage's social and
scentific study of the electric telegraph (2/5)
10.00 Woman's Hour 11.00 Nature Starlings (1)
11.30 Coming Alive New series. Jim Eddidge's tale of
how two people fall in love. See Choics
12.00 (FM) News
12.00 (FM) News
12.04 You and Yours Consumer news.

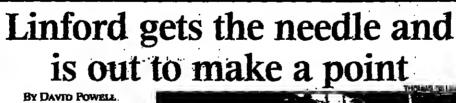
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1.00 The World at One With Nick Clarke
1.30 FMF Orchestra Leading orchestras compets in a dazzing displey of musical knowledge
2.00 The Archers Eddle smelts trouble (f)
2.15 Afternoon Play: Elemental Tales The Mistral, by Hattle Naylor. A little girl born to the sound of the mistral wind has a profound effect on other lives as his grows up. kim Wall stars
3.00 The Exchange: 0670 010 0444 Eddle Mair assasses listeners' opinions of a topical issue
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Winston Chrichil's history of Britan
4.90 The Learning Curve Life-changing possibilities
4.30 Shop Talk Business matters
5.00 PM With Clare English and Nigel Wrench
8.00 Stx O'Clack News
8.30 The Cheese Shop Presents Cornedy sketches with Gecard Foster, Deve Lamb, Gordon Southern,

Tim Verrinder, Ben Werd and Richard Webb. The Butter Factor 7.00 The Archers David finds life is all a matter of

7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson investigates the relationship between plano teacher and pupil 7.45 Inner Volpes Part two of Rivide Beadle Blair's drama Finders Keepers, with David Squire. Broadcast earlier within Woman's Hour. Finders Keepers M.

11.00 Late Night on 4: The Patrick and Maurean
Maybe Music Experience The troubled couple
decide to separate, and present their final shoet
from different studios. Patrick Barlow, Innelds
Staunton and Kewn Edon star. Last in series.

11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Update from
Westminster.



ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

bow to sprint.

The needle from his train-

60 metres to finish second to an indoor champion, from Germany. Remarkably, it is the fastest start Christie has



ceeded him.

pest last year, Darren Camp-bell, whom he coaches, suc-

Before Christie's appear

ance in Karlsruhe. Campbell had said: "I believe we have

all moved on and Linford

does not have a hope of

running the times he used to."

a tenth of a second off his

European record for 60

metres. 6.57sec puts him ahead of Jason Livingston at

the top of the British 1999

rankings. It is perhaps as well

that Campbell has opted for

"Linford is in good shape but, if I was in it, I would win

it" Campbell said of Birming-

ham. "I am using the 200

metres as a training exercise.

Linford is taking my place lin the 60 metres. No doubt.

though, the commercial forces

at work will ensure that the two meet on the circuit this

the 200 metres next weekend.

While Christie may still be

coaching since his retirement in 1997. Christie was out-ofseason training in Lanzarote with his athletes when their banter struck home. "They told me my days are long gone and I am a sucker for a

challenge," Christie said. The 1992 Olympic 100 metres champion has been an instant success as a coach. When his reign as European

WORD-WATCHING

COCKING PIECE

(b) A short board, nailed to each common rafter at the eaves, in order to give a slightly flatter slope than the rest of the roof.

which height and slenderness have been exaggerated.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1, Oxf7; Nxf7; 2, Re8+ Kc7; 3, Rle7 checkmate.

IN: 28. TOTAL: 59.

IF a new advertising cam-

paign is to be believed, Linford Christie has taken up embroidery. "Now anyone can learn to do anything", it says. But why should Christie bother learning new pursuits? Clearly, he has not forgotten

ing group, rather than the one in his hand in the advert, has prompted Christie, at 38, to run this weekend in his first championship competition since the 1996 Olympic Games. After his first international race for 18 months on Sunday, he is the favourite in Birmingham to win his tenth AAA national indoor title.

In Karisruhe, Germany, Christic recorded 6.57sec for Marc Blume, the 1996 Europemade to an indoor season.

Answers from page 45

LANGE LYZEN (a) "Long Elizas", figures of women, copied from Chinese porcelain by European porcelain painters (nearly always in blue), in

(c) In Zoroastrianism, the sacred plant and drink made from it by pounding. Hasoma is personlified as a divinity, who bestows vital qualities and even immortality. The word comes from the Sanskrit Soma. HALTIA

(b) A Balti-Finnish domestic spirit who oversees the household

is he really back because his training group dared him, or is it more that he craves the limelight again? For Embroidery Man, this could be 2 stitch in time.

Kespars (f)
8.00 File on 4 Mark Whitaker investigates the concern held by US doctors over allergies to prescribed medicines
8.40 In Touch Peter White with news for visually 8.40 in Touch Peter Writte with leave to impaired people.
9.00 The New Heaters Breakthroughs in the science.
of gene therapy. See Choice
9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy Broadcast earlier (f)
10.00 The World Tought With Anne McKenze
10.45 Book at Beddime: The Sound of Triumpets By
John Mortimer, Terry Filtran meets the trysterious
owner of Hartscombe's local Independent

11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Weekly guide to films and

12.30 The Late Book: Round Ireland with a Pridges
Tony Hawle recounts his journey scress the
Emerald isle with only a Indge as company
12.48 Staloping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.6-89.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-924. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.5. LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 683, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5-5-5-6-6-7) CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1069. Television and radio listings compiled by lan Hughes. Resembly Smith, Sugar Thomson, Jane Gregory Management of the compiled by lan Hughes. Resembly Smith, Sugar Thomson, Jane Gregory Management of the compiled by land Hughes.

Damp it may be, but it's not on the rise

Roof (BBC2), the walls of your house can be wetter than Dale Winton and, chances are you still don't need to pay anybody hundreds - let alone thousands - of pounds to put in a chemical damp-proof course because it's extremely unlikely that you've got rising damp. This leaves just one nagging question in your mind: why aren't there more such programmes on television. lifting the lid on other unpleasant things that we have all long suspected were at best unnecessary, such as self-assessment tax renums, Supermarket Sweep, large parts of South Dakota, and the Rev Ian Paisley?

Doubts about rising damp set in the minute you set foot in Venice. Here is a city that is still standing after hundreds of years, and after thousands of floods. On the several occasions that I have visited Venice, not once have I seen a boat

sign saying, "Gino's Damp-Proofing - we treata de wetta rotta and de dry rotta. No pallazzo too small: In all the biographies of Casanova, you never once read of lover on account of rising dampe "Can't come over to pleasure you this morning, love. I've got a man from San Marco Damp-Proofing coming round between 8am and lpm to give me an estimate. He couldn't be more specific, what

with all the visits he has to make." The man we have to thank for opening our eyes is Mike Parrett, who works for Lewisham council as a damp-checker. "In the last nine years," he told us, seated, for some reason, on a boat, "I've not found a single case of rising damp in any of the properties I've tested. I've tested literally thousands." Often he solved the damp by install-ing proper heating and ventila-tion. At other times, an existing

damp course had been "bridged". enabling ground-water to bypass the damp course. Parrett is so scep-tical that you could no more easily persuade him that Paddy Ashdown's decision to retire as leader a time when he had to disappoint a of the Liberal Democrats will make a measurable difference to British politics than you could that a British house has rising damp.

> sing the hidden camera technique he used to expose dodgy estate agents in the opening programme of the series, the presenter Paul Kenyon set up home in a wettish house that Parrett swore was not suffering from rising damp (there was leaky guttering, a blocked drain, a bro-ken water pipe) and called in the professionals to sort out the problem. Nine estimates — to inject an un-needed chemical damp-proof course — ranged from £380 to well over £6,000. The companies Kenyon invited to survey the prob-



lem included some of the bestknown names in the business. With luck their phones won't be

ringing for a while.

Although Kenyon has the sort of boyish enthusiasm, and the boyish looks, that give the series the air of a particularly proficient school science project, he seems to be making a snappier job of old-fashioned investigation than many grown-up presenters are managing. Of for the damp-proofing companies if Oliver Walston ever gets it into his head to wash their dirty laundry in public.

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For the past four weeks in his series Against the Grain (BBCZ). Walston, a barley baron from Cambridgeshire, has been doing his best to avoid being invited to the National Farmers' Union annual ball ever again. Walston has ruffled the feathers of many farmers by highlighting the more prepos-terous lunacies of the common ag-ricultural policy: under this scheme Britain's farmers have manocuvred themselves into a position that coalminers and shipyard workers never worked out how to wangle, in which somebody would pay to keep them in business even if nobody wanted their coal or their ships - and even if this meant paying them billions of pounds not to mine coal or build ships at all. Walston, who gets a

£180,000 subsidy cheque from Brussels every year, feels farmers should face the same market forces as hairdressers or dishwasher manufacturers, and that farming subsidies should be phased out.

This week he championed the use of agrochemicals and genetically engineered food as the only way to feed a world population that is growing by around 80 million people a year. Organically produced (ood may be the answer for those who can afford it - but what if you can't? Or don't want to? Walston doesn't think organic wheat or carrots taste any different, anyway. But even if they do, what role should the Government play in steering us towards them - any more than in steering us towards buying large, safe, expensive Bentleys rather than decrepit, rusty, cheap bangers?

It has been a thought-provoking.

frequently provocative series. In the process Walston has proved himself to be a television natural. with just the right mixture of arrogance and charm to command the camera. With luck we'll be seeing him again — unless Brussels decides it's smarter to pay him not to make more television shows.

Patsy Palmer waits ages to have a baby, then two come along at once. No sooner has she given birth on EastEnders than she's giving birth all over again in Love Story, shown last night in Channel 4's Shooting Gallery series of shorts. Love Story was written and directed by her husband, Nick Love, who cast Palmer as a pregnant herwho cast Painter as a pregnant ner-oin addict living in a subterranean hell-hole, whose big-mouth boy-friend is too busy chasing his next fix to attend the birth. I think that was pretty much it, unless I missed something. It made East-Enders look as stylish as a Kuro-

6.00em Business Breakfast (27626) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (63355) (0.00 KBroy (1) (8207201) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (1) (5670171)

10.55 News; Regional News (T) (7546065) 11.00 Real Rooms (7556442) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (7526201) 11.55 News; Regional News (T) (1759997) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (34794)

12.30 Wipcout (3008442) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (55890794) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (66442) 1.30 Regional News (86230201) 1.40 Neighbours (1) (65927317)

2.05 Ironside (r) (7203591) 2.55 Body Spies (9192882) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (9557886) 3.45 The Enchanted Lands: The Adventures of the Wishing Chair (9612249) 3.56 Hububb (8039930) 4.10

Chipmunks Go to the Movies (5382751) 4.35 The Really Wild Show (1262133): 5.00 Newsround (5009862) 5.10 Grange 75.33 Rewind (T) (645591) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (108256) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (1) (171)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (423) 7.00 Holiday Mary Nightingele visits Theiland, Dougle Vipond holidays in Cyprus, and Late Lunch presenters Mel and Sue go rock 'n' rolling in Bumham-on-Sea (1)

7:30 EastEnders The day of the inquest brings tresh tension (1) (607)



dulle Fibioha (Nicola Stephenson)

8.00 Holby City The staff of Darwin Ward struggle to prevent a deadly intection spreading beyond the confines of Casualty's famous hospital (1) (371336) 8.50 8.50 to Paddington Green Dominique arrives for her first day at Sylvia Young's Theatre School in Paddington (2/6) (T) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

Weather (1) (2539) 19.30 Crimewatch UK 150 A search for a serial rapist in the West Midlands (T)

10.30 Paddington Green Locksmith Jason
Osbourne gets into a fix at the airport,
while transsecural prostitute Jackie
McAutiffe books in for the final touches of her plastic surgery (T) (44171) 11.00 Ladies' : Night Documentary unveiling

the myths surrounding male suppers (r). (1) (679997) 11.55 Crimewatch UK (T) (452572) 12.05am The Honkers (1971) James Cobum plays an ageing rodeo showman whose marriage and career hit a rough patch Directed by Steve threat (740701)

1.40 Weather (8705973) ... 1.45 BBC News 24 (75699027) 7.00am Children's BSC Breat/ast Show:
The Little Polar Bear (8893779) 7.95
Teletubbies (2572336) 7.30 Secret
Squimel and Co (3451268) 7.55 Blue
Peter (2868510) 8.20 Taz-Mania
(9405688) 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts
(8777171) 8.50 Cakle Doke (8773355)
9.00 Daytime On Two: German Globo
(7600626) 9.10 Working tt Out (7680862)
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Zone (3751997) 11.05 Space Ark
(9224607) 11.15 Megamaths (1096881)
11.35 Words and Pictures (2869084)
11.50 History File (2846133) 12.10pm
English Express (4505133) 12.30
Working Lunch (50220)
Children's BBC Online 1.00 Children's BBC: Oakie Doke

(73218046) 1.10 The Great Picture Chase (r) 1.40 The Arts and Crafts Show (65931510) 2.10 Sporting Greats (22754084)

2.40 News; Regional News (1) (8597249) 2.45 Westminster (T) (B170238) 3.25 News; Regional News (1) (2526510)
3.30 Woman on the Ledge (1990) Drama focusing on the close relationship between three female intends. Diedre.

Half, Lestle Charleson and Colleen Zenk Pinter star. Directed by Chris Thomson (1) (75404) 5.00 Tennis: Australian Open Highlights of the quarter-lineis (6133) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (1)

6.25 Hearthreak High (1) (180881) 7.10 The O Zone (1) (948510)
7.30 From the Edge A look at the implications of the Government's White Paper on Transport and an interview with wheelchair-bound war correspondent.

John Hockenberry (1) (249) 8.00 University Challenge (1) (6510) 8.30 Rick Stein's Seefood, Odyssey Rick soloy shark vindaloo before learning how to make an authentic dhal (T) (2317)

Great Railway Journeys Comish fish cook Rick Stein Atlantic Ocean, travelling on the spectacular rail route through Copper nyon and the Sierre Madre Mountains (T) (872201)



Francine Stock and Juliet Morris

9.50 Whitbread Book Awards Live coverage of the filterary awards ceremony from London's Brewery (T) (659713) 10.30 Newsnight (I) (766862) 11.15 Seinfeld (1) (790959) 11.40 The Larry Sanders Show (1) (192688) 11.55 Weather (404882)

12.00am Despatch Box (86447) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone

5.30am ITN Morning News (30688) 6.00 GMTV (6339626)

9.25 Trisha (T) (3103997) 10.30 This Morning (1) (24770607) 12.15pm HTV. News and Weather (T) (9997775) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (1) (54046)

1.00 Shortland Street (51510) 1.30 Home and Away (1) (53317) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (2437881) 2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (I)

3.15 (TN News Headlines (1) (2524152) 3.15 (TN News resources (1) (2021-104)
3.20 HTV News (1) (2521065)
3.25 City: Mopatop's Shop (2511688) 3.35
Rosle and Jim (3044862) 3.50 The
Wombles (9697930) 4.00 Cow and
Chicken (9129084) 4.25 Mike and Angelo
(2037684) 4.50 How 2 (970038)

5.10 A Country Practice (5250274) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (1) (695355) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (659794) 6.00 Home and Away (*) (T) (937084) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (269220) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (1)

6.30 The West Tonight (1) (591) 7.00 Emmerdale Ned receives a tempting offer from old flame Dawn (1) (1688)
7.30 WEST: West Eye View (775)
7.30 WALES: Fishlock's Wild Tracks New series, Trevor Fishlock tours Wales on foot (1) (775)

The Bill The Drugs Squad reckon one of Meadows's men has been taking bribes after gangsters receive a tip-off about an eers confirmed when a police informer is shot dead. (T) (5355)



Adrien Lukis and Annette Ekblom star se David and Patricia (9pm)

9.00 Peak Practice Andrew becomes personally involved in the heart rending se of an old soldler who has a termina brain turnour diagnosed (4/13) (T) (5591) 10.00 News at Ten (T) (20591)

10.30 HTV News and Weather (1) (555715) 10.40 The Timor Conspiracy indonesia's illegal occupation of East Timor (T) (667930)

11.40 WEST: Pleasure Guide (213510) 11.40 WALES: The Front Row Special Highlights from rugby's Challenge Trophy (910881) 12.10am Tales from the Crypt Collection Completed (5518621) 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5554911)

1.10 Highlander (r) (3806911) 2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9501466) 2.35 Wish You Were Here? (r) (T) (7455263) 3.00 Judge Judy (31697355) 3.25 Football Extra (r) (4011282) 4.20 Coach Part one (95419398) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (5091911)

As HTV West except:

12.20-12.30pm Central News (6513423) 1.00 Headliners (51510) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9542978) 2.16-2.45 Home and Away (450713) 3.20-3.25 Central News (2521065) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5250274)

8.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (441404) 7.30-8.00 Landlatiles (775) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (555715) 11.40 Central Sport Special (463133) 12.50am The Haunted Fishtank (5551624)

1.20-2.15 Highlander (1358282) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '99 (6371701) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (4857089)

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9.00 CURICE Station X Insight into the role of code-breakers working at Bletchley Park in the key air and sea battles fought over and around Britain in 1941 (2/4) (1) (3133) 10.00 Father Ted (r) (T) (28133)

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12.05 Crapston Villas (T) (6357398) 12.20 How to Make Love to a Women (5539602)

12.25 Cowboys: That's Nuthin' (5538973) 12.30 Deadsy (1400350) 12.40 Cowboys: Outrage (5084783) 12.45 The Gorgon (1490973)

12.55 The Man in the Lower Left Hand Corner of the Photograph (1410737) 1.10 Food (3040244) 1.30 Butcher's Hook (9097417)



Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine tussle for supremacy (1.40am)

train-hopping hobos jump on to one railroad car too many, and are confronted by a murderous conductor. Starring Lee Marvin. Directed by Robert Aldrich (T) (50300485) 3.50 Sheila (14183447)

4.00 TOPI 2 (549447) 5.40 Place and People

6.00am 5 News (7435881) 7.00 WideWorld Part three (r) (T) (9530084) 7.30 Milkshake! (4550107) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (9261997)

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (1601688) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (1800959)

9.00 Weather Front (f) (2207171)
9.25 Russell Grant's Posteerds (4236626)
9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (8053133)
10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2651881)
11.10 Leeza (2548607) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (1604775)

12.30 Family Affairs (r) (T); 5 News Update 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T)

1.30 The Roseanne Show (r); 5 News Update (9479775) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (6890775)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murns, Selling the Family Silver with Eric Knowles, and word game Cryptogram; 5 News Update (4099539) 3.30 Fear on Trial (TVM 1975) An American

TV star's career is left in ruins after he falls fout of the anti-communist witch-hunts of the 1950s. True-life drama, starring George C Scott. Directed by Larmont Johnson (T) (9166930)

5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T): 5 News Update (6622959) 5.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz

(5751084) 6.30 Family Affairs Dave makes a rash promise to Holly (T) (5742336) 7.00 5 News; Weather Round-up of the day's stories (T) (6894591)

7.30 Wild Flight The owis and hawks of northern America (T); 5 News Update (5731220)

8.00 Perfect Bables Mark Easton investigates why couples consider exploiting the latest research to ensure that their bables are healthy, beautiful and intelligent. Scientists Claim the mother's diet. Efestyle and relationship with the growing foetus can be potentially rewarding — but just how far will prospective parents go for the periect baby? Last in series (3/3) (1); 5 News Update (5079688)

9.00 The Rookle (1990) Clint Eastwood stars as an ageing cop who reluctantly teams up with raw recruit Charlie Sheen and sets out to avenge the murder of his former partner, who was killed by criminal mastermind Raul Julia. Action thriller, also starring Sonia Braga, Tom Skertiti and Lara Flynn Boyle, Directed by Clint Eastwood (T): 5 News Update (59629249)

11.20 Two Gus's birthday becomes a nightmare when Booth frames him for another series of murders. Thriller, 12.15am The Jack Docherty Show With The Cardigans (7902379)

12.55 Live and Dangerous Action from round one of the AMA Supercross (83983602) 3.45 Asian Football Show Weekly round-up (7015669)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3567755) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8055391)

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Sri Lanka await ban on Ranatunga.

IT BECAME clear yesterday that Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka cricket captain, who appears on a disciplinary charge today over his behaviour during the limited-overs international against England last Saturday, will be suspended, if Peter van der Merwe, the match referee, uses properly the powers invested in him by the Internation-al Cricket Council (ICC). If Ranatunga is suspended, it is possible that Sri Lanka will abandon their involvement in the triangular tour-

nament in Australia and go home. The transcript of a tape recorded by the stump microphone in that spiteful match reveals that after Ranatunga, had instructed Ross Emerson, the umpire who no-balled Muttah Muralitharan for throwing, to stand close to the observe the bowler's action closely, he then told him: "I'm in charge of this game. You'll stand where I want you to. If you don't stand there, there won't be a game."

Ranatunga was seen clearly at the time, making a mark with his boot, to show Emerson where he wanted him to stand. Earlier, he had led his players towards the dressing-room, after Emerson called Muralitharan for throwing, and was dissuaded from marching them off the field only after heated discussions with both umpires and with Van der Merwe.

Under the code of conduct regula-tions drawn up by the ICC, Ranatunga would appear to be guilty on five counts: failing to ensure that play was conducted within the spirit of the game; bringing the game into disrepute; showing dissent at an umpire's decision; intimidating an umpire; and using abusive

Ranatunga was not the only player to use abusive language. On the tape, Darren Gough is heard telling Mahanama, the batsman who had deliberately run into him to avoid a run-out attempt: "I'll (expletive deleted) kill you." But whereas Gough was using language that fast bowlers have employed down the decades, however offensive it may seem, Ranatunga was trying to take over the game — and succeeding.

Despite the wretched incidents and the damage done to Muralitha-ran's reputation. Lancashire have reaffirmed that they are looking forward to welcoming the off spinner.

spoke to Muralitharan on his recent visit to Australia and he said yesterday that he envisaged no problems when the bowler began his county career at Old Trafford

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after the World Cup. Muralitharan is, genuinely, the innocent in all this. He has a defective right arm, which, his supporters say, gives the impression of
straightening when he bowls the
ball. But not everybody is a supporter. It is widely felt within cricketing circles that, however legitimate some balls are, others are plain

Simmons, an altogether more orthodox off spinner during his playing days, said that he was worried only for the bowler, not on Lancashire's behalf. "He is one of

the nicest people I have met and one of the most enthusiastic bowlers. After all this time, in which he has taken 200 Test wickets, it is diabolical that something like this should crop up. This Emerson is playing to the gallery. I don't know him and I don't want to.

"There was no difference be-tween that ball [the one that Emerson called as a throwl and many others he bowled. When you have had clearance from the ICC, from the likes of Michael Holding, who I know to be a fair-minded man, then I think there is something wrong and I don't know what it is."

The International Cricket Council sub-committee dealing with bowlers actions, on which Holding sits, has not, in fact, cleared Muralitharan. His action has been inves-tigated and it is felt that his "basic action" is acceptable. Nevertheless. umpires, whether they are good, bad or indifferent, are entitled to apply the law as they see fit.

Simmons admits that the unusu-

al action poses some problems. "I must admit, the first time I saw him, I thought 'My word, that's a hit different. When I saw it again in slow motion. I realised it was a unique double-jointed action. When we were considering signing. him for Lancashire, we were quite happy to go along with that. Our policy has always been that if it is good enough for the ICC, then it is good enough for us.

Peter van der Merwe will make his report and we will go along with anything this committee comes up with, but I don't expect to hear anything. Muralitharan has been bowling like that for so many years and I think that English umpires, having been former players, understand and recognise it."

The debate in Australia rumbles on and it will not cease until the Sri Lankans depart. There are those who feel that Emerson, who has never stood in a Test, is out of his depth, that he craves a spot in the limelight Others believe that he is doing the right thing for applying its Laws "without fear or favour". Ranatunga's shameless behav-

iour has been roundly condemned, though the captain is far from contrite. If Van der Merwe stands him down from the rest of this series, as he surely must, given the abundance and weight of evidence, it may be the prelude to further

Viduka eager to make his mark at Celtic

By Kevin McCarra

IF CELTIC have lacked a maverick forward since the departure of the tempestuous pair of Pierre van Hooijdonk and Paolo Di Canio, the vacancy has now been filled with aplomb. Mark Viduka stated yesterday that he is eager to settle down and play. While relieved to find him on the premises, the club will view the Australian as a suitable candidate for electronic tag-

ging. He signed for Celtic from Croatia Zagreb seven weeks ago, but then revealed that he was suffering from depression and left for his native Melbourne two days later. Should his movement be as unpredictable on the field itself, defenders will never be able to pin him down. As speculation over Viduka's future trundled on. Celtic must have had thoughts of their own about his whereabouts, perhaps

ACROSS

I Freedom from sanction (8)

9 Prance around (5)

11 The windpipe (7)

18 Different (5)

20 Moscow citadel (7)

24 (Author's) script (4)

25 Sewn together (8)

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22 Rescue after damage (7)

23 Fielding position; ravine (5)

5 Two wives of Henry VIII (4)

10 Joint: the indecent near it (7)

12 Big-Ears' friend (Blyton) (5)

13 Abducted: Stevenson novel

wishing that he was with another club entirely.

He is reported to have been offered to West Ham United recently as a replacement for John Hartson. It would show a callous disregard for human suffering to present Viduka only as a troublemaker, but he remains vague about the origins of his distress. The forward, who is of Croatian descent, did appear alienated at Croatia Zagreb and is alleged to have been involved in fights with a journalist and

His previous club is an unusual institution. The fans' replica jerseys are not quite replicas because they bear the word Dinamo on the back. That is the original name of Croatia Zagreb and the alteration, never accepted by the crowd. was made to turn them into a vehicle of national identity when playing in European

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1 Urge on (6)

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16 Pamper (6)

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12 Oriflamme 13 Polite 15 Hybrid 18 Porcupine 19 Fur 20 Climber 21 Spoon 22 Saga 23 Meunière

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6 Unclothed (5)

2 Morale-boosting speech (3,4)

3'Up' direction (map) (5)

4 Refuse leadership

7 John -, C17 diarist (6)

8 Vegetable: old watch (6

14 (Eg fin) on the back (6)

15 Samson's haircutter (7)

17 Without artificial cold

21 (Eg Oxbridge) rowing crew

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competitions. Viduka's links to Franjo Tudjman, the president of the country, may have cootributed to his eventual

unpopularity. Having scored 103 goals in 16S games before this season. Viduka was once highly esteemed at a club he joined as a 19-year-old in 1995. "The situation changed and I was in the firing line," Viduka said, "When I moved to Celtic, I thought that I would be able to take the things that happened to me in Zagreb in my stride,

There was a lot of stress and I was in no condition to play. There is no guarantee that it won't happen again, but I am ready to start playing now and to give my heart to the team." Viduka received counselling from Patrick Farrell, an Australian sports psychologist, who also works with Luc Longley, of the Chicago Bulls basketball team.

Sympathy for the forward is withheld because his psychological condition has never appeared to be the only relevani factor. H L Mencken, the great American journalist. once observed that when any one claims that a dispute is not about money, one can be sure that it is about money. "It had nothing to do with money." Viduka told his new teammates at Celtic. It is an assercon that sits oddly with statements issued by the club.

Fergus McCann, the Celtic chairman, who has fallen silent since, acknowledged last week that complex financial arrangements were involved. It is understood that Viduka had a deal with Croatia Zagreb that would see him receive a percentage of any transfer fee and it appears that he is due at least £ 1.2 million of the £3 million price agreed with Celtic.

That sum, and the manner in which it was to be paid. seem to have been topics of dispute since Viduka fled Glasgow last month. Even now; Croatia Zagreb are claiming that the entire £3 million should be handed over to them. and that any further distribution of cash is their responsibility. Only goals from Viduka can remove the scepticism of Celtic supporters.

In football, whose hall of fame often resembles a rogues' gallery, much is forgiven the successful.

☐ The executive committee of Uefa will discuss the plan for a biennial World Cup when they meet in Cape Town today, only the second such meeting to be held outside Europe.

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Identity of drug-test athlete kept secret

BRITISH athletics shifted uneasily in the starting blocks of its new beginning yesterday when it decided not to name the athlete who has returned positive first and second samples from a drugs test. It even suggested that it may not disclose the athlete's identity

Though the results of the test have been communicated to the athlete, suspension and naming - can take place only if an independent panel confirms that a doping offence has been committed. This crucial stage in the doping regulations has yet to be completed and has been held up because the sport is in the transition stage between one governing body to another. UK Athletics (UKA) is

launched today as the new national body, in succession to the collapsed British Athletic Federation (BAF). However, Jayne Pearce, the UKA spokesperson, said yesterday that, although the launch would go ahead as scheduled, the drugs case was delaying full transition. "We were on course," Pearce said. "This slows it up."

The athlete concerned is understood to be high profile but, mindful of how the Diane Modahl drugs case was a considerable factor in the BAF going bankrupt, officials refused to reveal any details that might lead to identification. Pearce declined to say whether it was a man or a woman, whether the drug carried a three-month or twoyear ban for a first offence, or even whether it was an in or out-of-competition test.

However, given that it is BAF rules that are being applied in this case, it is clear

BY DAVID POWELL

that the test was conducted in Britain. When Modahl was suspended, before earning reinstatement after clearing her name, it was the result of a test abroad and, therefore, subject to International Amateur Athletic Federation

It is also apparent that the athlete is disputing the find-ings. It is thought that the point at issue is not procedural and that it is therefore likely to be specifically in connection with the sample. "According to BAF rules, we can make the name public after the committee has decided that there has been a doping case," Pearce said. Then we will be in a position to reveal the name."

It may transpire that the panel rules that an offence has not taken place. "UKA does not have the power to suspend, nor does BAF, until it has been proven there is a doping case, " Pearce said.

If it is a case, we can reveal



I cannot say where it was taken or the substance involved. The adverse finding was found when BAF was in existence under BAF rules. UKA is working with BAF and we want to be as open and fair as we can." Pearce could not say when

the independent committee. which must rule on whether there is a case to answer, would be formed, though she suggested it would be "in the next few days". It is up to administrators to determine who should appoint the panel, though, presumably, it will ask David Moorcroft, UKA's chief executive, to take charge.

When the BAF was functioning normally, there existed a drug advisory group to meet at short notice. After it went into administration, it continued to apply its drugs regulations, but omitted to nominate a panel for cases such as this. "A committee has to be put together and has to look at all the reports and findings,"

. Among the names said by their coaches or managers to be in the clear are Darren Campbell, Dwain Chambers. Christian Malcolm, Steve Backley, Mick Hill, Iwan Thomas, Jonathan Edwards and Colin Jackson, but that leaves many more tarnished, perhaps with suspicion. Pearce disagreed that other athletes would be under a cloud until identity was revealed, arguing that it was essential the rules

were followed. Pearce was speaking at Shoeless Joe's, a London restaurant, where several leading athletes are due today to launch UKA.

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